Inquiries of the Ministry

next week, to clarify this matter on second reading of the bill. I intend to give some explanations to avoid any confusion.

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Economic Development.

I should like to ask him if in his report he intends to deal with the problem of employment for university students during the summer holidays.

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): I shall deal with all matters relating to the bill, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

FRED-PLAN FOR NEWFOUNDLAND

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Forestry and Rural Development a question. In view of his statement yesterday, has he changed his mind with regard to the announcement that an agreement between Newfoundland and the federal government would be ratified, as reported in yesterday's Hansard?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Forestry and Rural Development): Mr. Speaker, I tried to clarify this point yesterday by saying that no agreement had been negotiated by the federal government and the government of Newfoundland. I was referring to the Prince Edward Island FRED agreement which I hope will be signed shortly.

Mr. Lundrigan: Yesterday I asked the minister if there would be ratification of a new agreement in view of his clarification of the mistake he made as to region and the minister indicated there would be a signed agreement within the week. It is reported in Hansard to the contrary. Did the minister have a change of mind?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): I was referring to the P. E. I. agreement and nothing else.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

REQUEST FOR TABLING OF HAWTHORN REPORT

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Can he disclose to the house what has happened to report?

[Mr. Marchand (Langelier).]

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, we are still waiting for the French translation. I hope to receive it within a few weeks. I was promised it this month. As soon as I get it, I shall be glad to table the report in the house.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

REQUEST FOR HELP IN ARRESTING TERRORISTS

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the Minister of Justice.

Could the minister tell us if he has received an official request from the Quebec government asking for assistance in proceeding to the arrest of the terrorists who are presently active in Montreal?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): I believe, Mr. Speaker, that the Solicitor General has already answered that the R.C.M.P. had been in touch with the Attorney General of the Province of Quebec, as well as with the Quebec provincial police and the Montreal police, with a view to helping them as much as possible.

[English]

NATIONAL DEFENCE

NATO-DECISION AS TO MEMBERSHIP BEFORE WASHINGTON MEETING

Mr. Norman A. Cafik (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Will the government be making a decision in regard to membership in NATO prior to the NATO meeting that is going to be held in Washington on April 10?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, that is the target date that we have in mind now. If possible we would like to make the decision even earlier than that.

Mr. Stanfield: Oh, don't strain yourself.

Mr. Cafik: As a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, will the government await the report of the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence, which is studypart 2 or the second volume of the Hawthorn ing this matter, before making a final decision?