

Mr. Alexander: In light of those circumstances and in view of the fact the judge in question expressed concern at the generosity of these amnesty deals, will the minister at the same time look at his records, which indicate he has given the stamp of approval to some 18,000, in order to determine whether in fact this particular individual is on his list. Knowing that this government can move very quickly when necessary, will he also do that when I send this article to him?

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF INCREASED FEES FOR COMMUNITY PASTURES

Mr. Frank Hamilton (Swift Current-Maple Creek): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In view of the many problems facing our livestock industry, will the minister review the increased fees to be levied this year in community pastures, some an increase of 40 per cent, with a view to returning them to the 1974 levels?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I will be very glad to review it. I have had a number of representations on this matter from western Canada within the past 48 hours. I have asked my officials for an assessment of it. I cannot, of course, give any commitment to change, but I will certainly look at it sympathetically.

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LABOUR CONDITIONS

DATE OF REPORT OF DR. HALL ON RAILWAY PENSIONS

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Labour. It relates to the report of Dr. Noel Hall, the commissioner who is inquiring into all aspects of railway pensions. Can the minister say when we might expect that report?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): I believe fairly soon now, Mr. Speaker. I can check with Dr. Noel Hall and be more specific for the hon. member later this week.

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NATIONAL SECURITY

POSSIBILITY COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH OF NRC MONITORING LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS

Mr. Joe Clark (Rocky Mountain): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State for Science and Technology. It arises out of the confusion that was engendered into our exchange yesterday by an apparent misunderstanding in the mind of the Prime Minister. I wish to ask for the third time a question arising out of the minister's admission that the communications branch of the National Research Council monitors Hertzian waves. Can

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the minister tell us if the communications branch was or is monitoring long distance telephone calls placed in Canada to points in Canada or, and I emphasize that word, points outside Canada?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of State for Science and Technology): Mr. Speaker, I see no reason to change the answer I gave yesterday.

Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain): Which one?

Mr. Drury: If the hon. member will read *Hansard*, he will find the answer.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

INQUIRY WHETHER ANY SECURITY AGENCY MONITORING LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS

Mr. Joe Clark (Rocky Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I will not subject the House to the acrobatics performed by the minister yesterday. I wish to ask the Acting Prime Minister whether there is any other security agency operating under Canadian authority or under the authority of an agreement to which Canada is a party which is monitoring long distance telephone calls placed in Canada to points in Canada or abroad.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Perhaps I should have retained my seat. In reply to the question that was asked, I must repeat what I said before. I do not think that the House of Commons in open session is the proper place to discuss security.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

REQUEST THAT PRISON INMATES BE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS UPON DISCHARGE

Mr. Bruce Halliday (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the fact that amendments to the Unemployment Insurance Act in 1971 have precluded inmates of provincial and federal penal institutions from receiving unemployment insurance benefits upon discharge, which previously they could claim if they had two years of employment built up prior to incarceration, can the minister inform the House if he has any plans to amend the act so that such persons would again be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, that particular anomaly in the act, which is associated also with people on workman's compensation, is a matter that is under serious review. I cannot indicate to the House whether a decision has or has not been made. It is an area about which I feel strongly. I think it should be looked at very carefully.