

*Inquiries of the Ministry***HOUSING**

TORONTO—PROVISION OF GRANTS TO CITIZENS GROUPS

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): I have a question for the Minister without Portfolio in charge of housing, Mr. Speaker. In view of the neanderthal comments of the mayor of the city of Toronto that citizens' groups should not be financed from federal funds, would the minister assure the House that he will continue to finance citizens' groups so that we may have participatory democracy?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, this matter was discussed at the time the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities presented a brief to cabinet. It is generally our position that where we respect, perhaps, the need to consult, we are not going to surrender the power of veto over these grants. We want to maintain the right of a relationship and access between any individual and or citizens' groups and the government.

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FISHERIES

VISIT TO NEWFOUNDLAND BY MINISTER

Mr. Ambrose Hubert Peddle (Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador): I have a question for the Minister of the Environment. It is true as reported that he will be spending June 25 in Newfoundland talking to and meeting with the fishermen and taking a first-hand look at the fishing industry, and will the minister say what he intends to do in the afternoon?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

APPROPRIATION FOR SUMMER MILITIA TRAINING PROGRAM

Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): I have a question for the Minister of National Defence who according to the roster was supposed to be in the House today. In his absence I should like to direct it to the acting minister. In view of the number of complaints emanating from officers and men usually involved in the Canadian militia summer training program to the effect that the budget normally applied to this program has been drastically reduced with a consequent serious cut-back in manpower training, can the minister indicate whether he plans to re-establish the regular appropriation for this summer militia program at an early date?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will take that question as notice.

[Mr. Mackasey.]

[Translation]

INDUSTRY

PULP AND PAPER—MEASURES TO REMOVE DIFFICULTIES

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce about difficulties arising in pulp and paper mills in Canada. Can the hon. minister tell us what measures are contemplated, or at least if his department is prepared to offer solutions to the difficulties now experienced by the mills?

Mr. Speaker: I think that question was asked in the course of the last few days and answered by the minister. If I am wrong and the minister wishes to add something to the answer he has already given, I will gladly allow him to do so now.

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[English]

LABOUR RELATIONS

DISPUTE BETWEEN RAILWAYS AND UNITED TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION—DEPARTMENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): I have a question for the Minister of Labour, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister tell the House whether any of his officials are presently on the job or are about to be sent in to see that there is a solution to the continuing dispute between the CNR and the CPR and the United Transport Workers Union as far as the yardmen are concerned? This dispute remains unresolved and could upset the whole agreement that was reached earlier.

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am aware of the problem which is one of ratification of a national bargaining unit agreement and the dissatisfaction of a regional group within that unit. If we are to preserve the national bargaining unit concept I do not think it is logical that the regional group should have more than they are entitled to under their own constitution, that is, a voice in the ratification. I do believe the matter will resolve itself very shortly.

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CANADIAN CONSTITUTION

APPROVAL BY JUNE 28 BY FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS OF CHANGES AGREED UPON AT CONFERENCE—PRIOR PRESENTATION OF MEASURE TO HOUSE

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): I have a question for the Acting Prime Minister regarding the news from Victoria that substantial changes of a constitutional nature must be approved by the federal and provincial governments by June 28. Can the minister inform the House whether it is the intention of the