

As far as the areas under federal responsibility are concerned, we have moved on old age pensions and we hope to move on family allowances very quickly.

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[Translation]

POLLUTION

MEASURE TO ASSIST PROVINCES TO FIGHT WATER POLLUTION

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the hon. Minister of the Environment.

Since municipalities have an essential role in the fight against water pollution, is the minister considering bringing in specific financial measures intended to help municipalities, through the provinces, in order that they carry out their responsibilities in this regard?

[English]

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, there is already an extensive program of support administered by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation under which a 25 per cent subsidy is given to municipalities that engage in programs of this kind.

[Translation]

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, the program mentioned by the minister failing to meet adequately the needs of small municipalities, I would like to state my question more precisely. Does the Department of the Environment consider setting up a very specific financial program that would help the municipalities I just mentioned?

[English]

Mr. Davis: The answer is no, Mr. Speaker, but I might add that the province of Quebec has not taken up all the money allocated to it under the CMHC program.

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS

COST OF PINT OF MILK

Mr. A. D. Alkenbrack (Frontenac-Lennox and Addington): Mr. Speaker, my question is supplementary to that asked about food prices and is directed to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. I paid 27 cents for a pint of milk last night at a retail grocer's just outside Ottawa. This is at the rate of almost \$22 per hundredweight. The farmer received about 9 cents for that quantity. Is the minister doing anything to combat this unreasonable inflationary condition?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am sure that a question asked in those terms is not in order.

Oral Questions

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TRANSPORT

REINSTATEMENT OF RAILWAY PASSENGER SERVICE IN SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO

Mr. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport relating to passenger transportation on railway trains in southwestern Ontario. Is the minister now in a position to report on his visit with Premier Davis of Ontario, and would he be willing to make a statement in the near future on this subject? Perhaps I could ask him now, in order to avoid a supplementary whether he would explain the statement he made to me two months ago that before he makes a statement in the House Canadian National Railways will have to apply to the Canadian Transport Commission for the installation of new lines.

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the problem that was posed to us involved the abandonment of an existing train.

Mr. Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo): No.

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): I know what I am saying, Mr. Speaker.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): The hon. gentleman says no. He was not in my office when the discussions took place with the representatives of the government of Ontario. I say that the demand which was made implied the abandonment of another branch, and this is why they have to go to the CTC.

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[Translation]

URBAN AFFAIRS

UTILIZATION OF VIAU PARK GREEN SPACE AS SITE FOR MONTREAL OLYMPIC VILLAGE—MINISTER'S POSITION

Mr. Jacques Guilbault (Saint-Jacques): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs.

In view of the announcement made yesterday by the Mayor of Montreal regarding the use of the green spaces of Viau park as the site for the Olympic Games of 1976, does the minister intend to avail himself of the powers given him under the National Housing Act and the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation Act in order to prohibit the municipal government from removing these green spaces?

[English]

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, so far we have received no application from either the city of Montreal or the province of Quebec for funds under the National Housing Act for any housing related to the Olympic Village. If such an application is received it will have to meet the normal standards of lending for such housing, namely, that it makes a contribution to the community in which the housing is established, that it falls within the normal program relat-