

*Oral Questions*

**Mr. Lang:** As I have said in the House previously—and not surprisingly after several years experience with the legislation—we are proposing certain changes to the wording of the bill but we do not intend to change the basic principles of the Act that, generally speaking, a person who has not been convicted ought to be at large unless the public interest or the likelihood of his not attending trial require otherwise. This remains our philosophy. We will put the other amendments before the committee in the form of proposed legislation and, of course, at that point, the committee and the House will have full opportunity to debate the philosophy underlying the proposals.

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**NATIONAL DEFENCE****POSSIBILITY OF RESUMING SEARCH FOR HELICOPTER MISSING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**Mr. Alex Patterson (Fraser Valley East):** A question for the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Speaker. Has any further information been brought to light which would warrant the resumption of a full scale search for the helicopter which is missing in the Northwest Territories with two men aboard?

**Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, I cannot add anything to the reply I gave last week or to the reply my parliamentary secretary gave in the House on Friday. I can assure the hon. member that if any new evidence is found the search will be renewed immediately.

**Mr. Patterson:** It was brought to the attention of the parliamentary secretary on Friday that the helicopter has been sighted about 25 miles outside the area in which a search had been made. May I ask whether this has been brought to the minister's attention and whether consideration is being given to the matter?

**Mr. Richardson:** I have examined that evidence, Mr. Speaker, and also the search master has examined all the reports but has found that the area concerned was very thoroughly searched.

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**BILINGUALISM****PROPOSAL THAT MANDATORY ENGLISH AND FRENCH COURSES BE PREREQUISITE FOR EDUCATION GRANTS—MEASURES TO IMPROVE COST-BENEFIT RATIO OF PROGRAM**

**Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State. In light of language commissioner Keith Spicer's statements this weekend that the prerequisite for federal education grants to the provinces should be mandatory courses in both English and French, can the minister advise the House whether or not Mr. Spicer was enunciating government policy or government thinking when he made this threatening statement?

[Mr. Lang.]

**Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State):** Well, Mr. Speaker, he was certainly not announcing government policy, but it is no secret that some members of the government, particularly myself, have expressed the concern that languages are an option in our schools, especially at university, and have raised the question whether this matter should not be reviewed.

**Mr. Jelinek:** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the minister. Could the minister advise the House whether or not he is in agreement with Mr. Spicer's serious charge that the provincial departments of education are, to use his wording, "finking out" on their responsibilities in this regard?

**Mr. Faulkner:** Mr. Speaker, I have been working rather closely with the provincial governments on this matter and, in general, I have to confess that they have responded positively and encouragingly to most submissions that I have made to them. I believe that they could do more and I think that we could probably do more.

**Mr. Jelinek:** A final supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In light of the fact that Mr. Spicer has termed the 40 per cent non-utilization rate of language training graduates as unacceptable at a calculated cost of approximately \$30,000 per person, what steps is the minister taking to ensure that the cost-benefit ratio of the bilingualism program improves?

**Mr. Faulkner:** Mr. Speaker, I would judge the bilingualism program on criteria other than cost-benefit. I suggest this issue goes well beyond that consideration.

**SUGGESTED EMPHASIS ON LONG-TERM LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAMS**

**Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Secretary of State regarding his answer to the second last question and the attitude expressed by the minister vis-à-vis the ministers of education. In view of the fact that that seemed to be the point Mr. Spicer was expressing as well, that he did have the co-operation basically of the provincial ministers of education, would the Secretary of State review the situation regarding language training in Canada, particularly as it affects the public service, bearing in mind what Mr. Spicer said about language training in the public service, so as to see whether or not the emphasis could be placed on long-term programs in Canada with respect to second language training, having regard to the fact that perhaps this is the best place to find the cost-benefit aspect that Mr. Spicer was speaking about in the program yesterday and about which reports were written in the press today.

**Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, there are really two parts to that question. The first part deals with language training within the public service. That is the responsibility of the President of the Treasury Board and it has a certain urgency to it. The second part of the question deals with what our school systems are doing or not doing in support of the broad objectives contained within the Official Languages Act. I believe that there, as governments, we would be doing a lot more, if we could develop in our school systems an