

*Supply—Finance*

[Translation]

**Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Minister of Justice):** This is a very good suggestion, Mr. Speaker. I had thought about it. We intend to look into these recommendations as well as those which will be submitted to us by the committee chaired by Judge Ouimet. This will surely help us considerably.

[English]

**Mr. Lewis:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Since I think certain of the recommendations can be implemented without having to wait for any future action in any other direction, would the minister reconsider his present position and seek amendments to the Criminal Code to cover matters such as the right to counsel, questions of bail and the like?

[Translation]

**Mr. Trudeau:** As I have already explained, Mr. Speaker, we would prefer these rights, that is, the right to counsel, the right to bail, and so on, to be applicable to all Canadian legislation and not only to the Criminal Code. For this reason we would prefer to obtain a charter of civil liberties. However, if that takes too long, we will naturally think of another way.

**Mr. Lewis:** It will take a long time.

[English]

**TRANSPORT****PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND CAUSEWAY—  
REPORT ON REDESIGN**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. David MacDonald (Prince):** My question is for the Minister of Public Works. Can the minister tell the house whether he has received a report from Colonel Churchill on the redesign of the Northumberland strait crossing project? If he has not yet received the report, when might he expect to get it?

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, we have not yet received the report. I expect it in about another six weeks.

**SUPPLY**

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Tardif in the chair.

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE****Administration**

4c. Grant to the endowment fund of the Vanier Institute of the Family—L'institut Vanier de la famille, \$236,869.

[Mr. Lewis.]

**The Assistant Deputy Chairman:** Order, please. House again in committee of supply, supplementary estimates (C), 1967-68, of the Department of Finance. Vote 4c. Shall vote 4c. carry?

**Mr. Irvine:** Mr. Chairman—

**The Assistant Deputy Chairman:** I regret to inform the hon. member that his time, as I understand, had expired last evening.

**Mr. Starr:** Let him continue.

**Mr. Irvine:** I thought I had a minute or two. If the Chair thinks otherwise I shall abide by Your Honour's decision.

**The Assistant Deputy Chairman:** Does the committee agree to allow the hon. member another couple of minutes?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Irvine:** I promise I shall not take more than a minute or two.

When I called it six o'clock last night I wanted to summarize and speak about the crisis that now faces us. I wanted to speak about high prices and our low productivity increase factor; I wanted to talk about inflation. I will not do so at great length now because I cannot. I must repeat, nevertheless, that 6.1 per cent of our working population is unemployed. We must consider rising wage rates, the softening of the dollar, which we are all concerned about, and the high cost of borrowing money. Above all we must pay particular attention to the absolutely senseless spending of this extravagant government. As I said yesterday, what a legacy all this mess is for a new prime minister.

**Mr. Douglas:** Mr. Chairman, yesterday we listened to the Minister of Finance reviewing the state of the Canadian economy. I wish to say to him and to the government that we fully appreciate the difficulties they face and we do not propose to do anything that will aggravate the situation; nor do we desire to take political advantage of the government's difficult financial straits. At the same time I say to the government that we do not intend to acquiesce in mere palliatives which will do nothing to cure our present troubles and which will only give the Canadian people a sense of false security.

Undoubtedly we face a serious economic state of affairs in Canada. The sooner parliament and the Canadian people recognize this and the sooner the government applies