

Inquiries of the Ministry

vote among their members in order to realize that 90 per cent of them are in favour of legislation aimed at protecting—

Mr. Speaker: Order.

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[English]

VETERANS AFFAIRS**MEASURES TO INCREASE BENEFITS PENDING WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL SECURITY**

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): I wish to direct my question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Since there has been evidence of continuing delay in the tabling of the white paper on social security, will the minister tell the House what measures are to be introduced in the interim to increase benefits for veterans receiving allowances and disability pensions?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): That would be a more appropriate question to direct to my colleague, the Minister of Veterans Affairs.

Mr. Speaker: I was under the impression that a similar question was addressed to the minister a few days ago, but since I am not sure, perhaps the hon. member might like to continue.

Mr. Marshall: May I simply redirect my question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Veterans Affairs): I am sorry. Would the hon. member kindly repeat his question?

Mr. Marshall: Because of the delay in bringing in the white paper on social security, would the minister advise the House what interim measures are being taken to increase benefits to war veterans receiving war veterans allowances and disability pensions?

Mr. Dubé: This matter is still under very active and sympathetic consideration and when a decision is made it will be announced in the proper way.

ELIMINATION OF RESIDENCE RULE IN RESPECT OF WAR VETERANS ALLOWANCES

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): In the course of the consideration of veterans benefits, is the position of war veterans who live outside Canada and who would otherwise qualify for war veterans allowance being reviewed so as to eliminate the arbitrary residence rule now in effect?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Veterans Affairs): All these questions are being looked into at the present time.

CLOSING OF LONDON, ENGLAND, OFFICE—CONTINUATION OF SERVICE

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): I have a question, Mr. Speaker, having to do with Canadian veterans [Mr. Caouette.]

ans living in the United Kingdom. Is the Department of Veterans Affairs office in London being closed and, if so, who will be looking after the many Canadian veterans over there? Also, what is being done to provide positions for those who are being removed from the offices they have held?

Mr. Speaker: Again I have the impression that this question has already been asked but in view of the importance of the matter the minister might wish to reply.

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Veterans Affairs): This question was answered last week, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Diefenbaker: No. This question was not answered. More evasion!

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CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS**GUIDELINES RESPECTING FALSE AND MISLEADING ADVERTISING**

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): I have a question for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Is he prepared to tell the House what the guidelines are that have been set down to determine what constitutes false and misleading advertising so that the Canadian people can be made aware of them?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Over a year ago I made a statement setting out certain instances of misleading advertising which we would endeavour to reach under section 33(d) of the Combines Investigation Act. That statement received wide publicity among better business bureaux and retail merchants associations, who have been very helpful and co-operative in our misleading advertising campaign, so I am not sure what the hon. member is referring to.

Mr. McGrath: May I ask, then, whether the minister has resolved his jurisdictional conflict concerning this matter with his counterpart in the province of Ontario?

Mr. Basford: Without offering a legal opinion I might say there is no view of which I am aware which expresses any doubt as to our jurisdiction to administer section 33(d) of the Combines Investigation Act.

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR NON-LEAD GASOLINE

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): My supplementary question has to do with misleading advertising, Mr. Speaker. It arises from the fact that the National Research Council has established that non-lead gasoline, when used in cars built prior to the recent models, causes greater air pollution, not less. Has the minister consulted with his officials to determine whether or not these advertisements for non-lead gasoline are contravening the misleading advertising regulations?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member appears to be inviting the minister to express a legal opinion. I doubt whether his question is in order.