

Inquiries of the Ministry

the country of Norway to violate our territorial seas nine miles off our coast, I wonder whether it would be in order to ask Your Honour if unanimous consent could be given to permit comments on the tabling of the document.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Do I understand that the hon. member is asking leave to have the document appended to *Hansard*? Is that his request?

Mr. Lundrigan: Mr. Speaker, in view of the importance of the document, I think some hon. member on this side of the House should be permitted, by unanimous consent, to respond to this violation of our territorial seas resulting from this agreement.

Mr. Speaker: Order. What the hon. member is asking for is a debate. He can do that only if the House reverts to motions and a statement is made. Does the House give unanimous consent to reverting to motions?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Greenwood.

Mr. MacInnis: A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I have to recognize the hon. member on a point of order.

Mr. MacInnis: Mr. Speaker, my point of order stems from the statement made this afternoon by the Acting Prime Minister to the effect that later today he would ask permission to revert to motions in order to table a document. The very minister who made that promise is now refusing to carry it out.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Greenwood.

GREECE—REQUEST THAT CANADA JOIN DENMARK AND NORWAY AT NATO MEETING IN SEEKING RESTORATION OF FREE INSTITUTIONS

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In light of the inconsistency between the declared purposes of NATO, which include strengthening free institutions, and the practices of the Greek military dictatorship, will Canada at the forthcoming session of the NATO council join with Denmark and Norway in seeking action for the restoration of free institutions in Greece?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, it is not the intention of the Canadian government to use the NATO forum for this purpose. We have made our views known directly to the government of Greece, but not in the council of NATO.

• (8:20 p.m.)

[Translation]

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Acting Prime Minister.

What ministers will accompany the Prime Minister on his visit to the President of the United States early next week?

[Mr. Lundrigan.]

[English]

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce will be accompanying the Prime Minister to Washington.

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[Translation]

INDUSTRY

POSSIBILITY OF SELLING CL-215 AIRCRAFT TO UNITED STATES

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary.

I thank the Acting Prime Minister for informing the House that the hon. Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Pepin) will be accompanying the Prime Minister of Canada on the occasion of his meeting with the President of the United States.

Does the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce intend to promote sales to the United States of Canada CL-215 amphibian aircraft in order to stimulate the aircraft industry in Canada and thus avoid lay-offs at Canadair?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, the federal government's endeavours in behalf of the company involved are well known and should the United States government need that type of aircraft I shall promote them.

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[English]

FAMILY INCOME SECURITY

FAMILY ALLOWANCES—INQUIRY AS TO EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROPOSED INCREASES

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, my question was to be directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare, who is supposed to be in the House, but in his absence I will direct it to the Acting Prime Minister. In view of the poverty that exists in this country today, could the Acting Prime Minister assure the House that the increases in benefits under the family allowance program will be effective by May 1, 1972, as proposed by Bill C-264?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I would be the last to try to prophesy what will happen in this House. Certainly, the government would like to proceed with this legislation but, as you know, unless it uses extreme measures it cannot always get its way.

Mr. Marshall: A supplementary question. I can assure the Acting Prime Minister that if this Bill C-264 came before the House—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.