

*Oral Questions*

**Mr. Lalonde:**—and providing them with adequate money. At the same time I invite my hon. friend's Party to support the Crow Bill—

**Mr. Deans:** Sit down.

**Mr. Lalonde:**—and create those jobs that we need and provide for the investment of \$25 billion in this country.

**Some Hon. Members:** Sit down.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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## CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

## SMALL PRINT USED IN TELEPHONE BOOKS

**Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. I have received copies of petitions from the Townships of Somerville, Anson, Hindon and Minden, Fenelon Falls, Verulam, and many others. They deal with the new print in the 1983 Bell telephone books for the Lindsay-Peterborough area. Will the Minister speak to Bell Canada and ask that company to assure her that this print will be larger so citizens can read the directories? I hope this matter comes within her Department.

**Hon. Judy Erola (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Madam Speaker, I am not at all sure that it does, but I will certainly take the matter under consideration and look into it immediately.

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## SHIPBUILDING

## PIP GRANTS—LOSS OF JOBS IN SHIPYARDS

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East):** Madam Speaker, I have a question I would like to direct to the Minister of Finance. The Minister will be aware of the growing concern about the PIP grants program rewarding Canadian entrepreneurs by forcing them offshore for leasing purposes. I ask this question because we now know that in the first six months of this year we lost some 5,869 jobs in Canadian shipyards. Is the Minister giving consideration to the modification of that program so as to keep these jobs here at home in Canadian shipyards?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Finance):** Madam Speaker, I always take the representations of the Hon. Member seriously, and I will examine his representation.

## CONSTRUCTION OF DRILLING RIGS

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East):** Madam Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister. Would he take a look at what he considers a representation in

light of the imminent loss of \$250 million in new construction for three jack-up rigs for exploration work off the East Coast of Canada alone, three rigs which in turn might provide some 1,800 new jobs for East Coast and river shipyards?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Finance):** Madam Speaker, the answer is the same as for the first question.

**Mr. McDermid:** He doesn't know.

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## MULTICULTURALISM

## REDUCTION IN SIZE OF CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL

**Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar):** Madam Speaker, I have a question for the new Minister of State for Multiculturalism. First I want to congratulate him on his appointment to the Cabinet.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Murta:** The Canadian Consultative Council on Multiculturalism, or what is known as the CCCM, is responsible for providing an ongoing source of consultation to the Government on matters pertaining to the development of Canada's multicultural policy, based on the broadest possible representation. Of course we on this side of the House would very much agree with the basic concept of that particular body.

Why or how is the Minister carrying out a reduction in the size of the Council from the 100 members that it had, to a proposed 25? Why the number 25, and how does the Minister expect to get that broad cross-section of opinion so necessary in this area?

**Hon. D. M. Collette (Minister of State (Multiculturalism)):** Madam Speaker, I thank the Hon. Member for his question. I worked with him for many years going back to the transport committee, and I am sure we will continue our good relationship.

With respect to the CCCM, the Cabinet did agree in July, following a unanimous recommendation by the CCCM, to reduce the effective working group of the Council to 30 members, not 25 members. That, I repeat, was a recommendation of the Council, and the Government responded to it. The name of the Council will change to the Canadian Multiculturalism Council, which will be a little easier to say. With respect to the operations of the Council, we feel 30 members will be a more effective body in discharging its obligations and giving advice to the Minister. As to the nominees for that Council, that is subject to the normal consideration and consultation.