

Oral Questions

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER AND MR. PONIATOWSKI OF FRANCE**

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis): Mr. Speaker, I noticed that the opposition was not addressing any of its questions to the Prime Minister today, probably to prevent Liberals from brilliantly celebrating the first anniversary of last July 8 victory.

Mr. Speaker, does the Prime Minister intend to report to the House on his talks with the Minister of the Interior of the French government, Mr. Michel Poniatowski?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague and friend, the hon. member for Saint-Denis, for pointing out this anniversary that we are all celebrating together because we won it together. But it would be unseemly not to mention the not insignificant part played by members of the opposition.

As for the talks the hon. member referred to, I must say, Mr. Speaker, that they have been extremely fruitful and that the Minister of the Interior of France, Mr. Poniatowski, brought us very good news about the relations France has with Canada. The minister met with several of our colleagues and especially, of course, the Solicitor General. But we dealt with much more important subjects. I think that later the minister will have the opportunity of talking about a very important trip that the President of the French Republic intends to make to Canada in the near future.

Mr. Speaker, before resuming my seat, I should like to call the attention of hon. members to the presence in the gallery of the Minister of the Interior of France, Mr. Poniatowski.

● (1450)

[English]

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I would have been happy to facilitate the Prime Minister at three o'clock. In view of what may be ahead of us in the coming months, may I suggest that all leadership demonstrations be postponed until three o'clock in the afternoon.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**ALLEGED NECESSITY FOR RECONCILIATION OF INCOME SECURITY PROGRAM WITH AMENDMENTS TO ACT—REQUEST FOR REPORT**

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration in order to determine his credibility.

[Mr. Whelan.]

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Alexander: When I asked why he did not bring in the amendments to the Unemployment Insurance Act, the minister indicated there would be the required reconciliation, harmonization and rationalization of the income security program with the Minister of National Health and Welfare. It seems without that he cannot bring in amendments to the act. My simple question is, have those criteria been met?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Alexander: I must say that on May 27 the minister was not too sure. All of a sudden he had the amendments by way of a budget on June 23. The Minister of National Health and Welfare, after having been asked a similar question, indicated he would be submitting a report to the minister regarding these matters. Has the Minister of Manpower and Immigration now received a report from the Minister of National Health and Welfare regarding the reconciliation, harmonization and rationalization of unemployment insurance with income security? Has he that report right now?

Mr. Andras: Mr. Speaker, the discussions on achieving those objectives which the hon. member seems to enjoy spelling out in detail have been an ongoing process. The amendments we will be placing before the House represent the first determination of amendments we think logically flow from that discussion and for other reasons. Of course, it is a continuing analysis we are undertaking with regard to a very significant program, and that will go on.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**REASON FOR PAROLE OF MR. GLEN JANSEN—POSSIBLE RESTORATION OF AMOUNTS CUT FROM DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET**

Mr. John Reynolds (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Solicitor General regarding a Mr. Glen Jansen being sought for the murder of Mrs. Frieda Buxbaum. Since Mr. Jansen was sentenced in 1972 to seven years for kidnapping and seven years for armed robbery, why was he out on parole, in view of the fact he had two previous parole violations?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows, the parole board is an independent quasi-judicial body. They considered his application in accordance with the law in granting him parole. I must say that at this stage there is a suspicion with respect to Mr. Jansen. He is being sought by the police. There is no definite proof at this stage that he committed the act in question.

Mr. Reynolds: In view of the fact that the RCMP in Vancouver said that the parole board has no control at all over people getting out of penitentiaries, and in view of the lack of security in our penitentiaries, will the Solicitor General demand from the Minister of Finance that he put