

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

put up or shut up. He won't put his money where his mouth is.

**An hon. Member:** That is too much for you, George.

**An hon. Member:** Think first, George.

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**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**

YVES GEOFFROY—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON  
RELEASE FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PENITENTIARY

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the Solicitor General in reference to a matter which I know must be of some concern to him. It deals with, I assume, a friend of his, Yves Geoffroy, who was released wrongfully from the penitentiary. Is the minister prepared to make a statement on motions either now or soon in reference to this matter in order to have the facts laid before Parliament?

**An hon. Member:** Like you just did.

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, first of all, I should like to put an end to the regrettable rumours circulated by the press that Mr. Geoffroy is a friend, an acquaintance or a university colleague.

I do not know, I have never known Mr. Geoffroy. He is not among my acquaintances, and never was a university colleague.

As to the advisability of a statement, if the opposition insists on it, I am ready to make one, probably on Monday. I do not think the subject is important enough to take the time of the House to deal with it, not today in any case, in view of my high regard for the statements the party leaders will make in a few minutes.

[English]

**Mr. Woolliams:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In light of the fact that there has been a tremendous increase in the crime of murder, and in light of the fact that this man was convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary, I think this matter is important in relation to the administration of justice so I would ask the minister if he would give us an undertaking to make a statement at least by Monday?

**An hon. Member:** That is what he just said.

[Translation]

**Mr. Goyer:** With pleasure, Mr. Speaker.

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[English]

**VETERANS AFFAIRS**

REQUEST THAT WAR VETERANS ALLOWANCES NOT BE  
REDUCED FOLLOWING INCREASE IN GUARANTEED  
INCOME SUPPLEMENT

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs. Have the necessary steps been taken so that

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war veterans allowance recipients who are also receiving the guaranteed income supplement will not have their allowances cut back when they receive the \$2.70 increase in the guaranteed income supplement which is to become effective in April?

**Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, my predecessor made a commitment to this House that this would be corrected long before April 1 and I intend to keep that date.

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

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**POLLUTION**

NEW LEVIES ON OIL TANKER SHIPMENTS TO PROVIDE  
CONTINGENCY FUND IN CASE OF SPILLS—REQUEST FOR  
REVIEW

**Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. In view of the apparent hardship to new industry in the Maritimes owing to the publication of the regulations on oil levies for control of pollution, would the government look these over, let us know what the full story is behind them, make certain they are fair to everybody and publicize in some way the whole matter?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I can say emphatically that they are fair to everybody in the sense that they are being applied across the board. May I also remind the House that the legislation under which these levies are being exacted was passed, I believe unanimously, by this House. There is a necessity for a contingency fund to deal with clean-up. I can assure the House and the hon. member that when we feel there is an adequate amount in this fund to take care of emergencies, the levy will be either reduced or dropped, depending on conditions at that time.

**Mr. Bell:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. What is the amount of the fund?

**Mr. Jamieson:** Mr. Speaker, if I understood the hon. member rightly, he asked what is the amount. The amount is 15 cents per ton at the present time.

**Mr. Bell:** Mr. Speaker, excuse me. What will be the amount of the fund? To what amount does the minister expect the fund to build up?

**Mr. Jamieson:** Mr. Speaker, no upper limit has been put on it because of the limited amount of experience we have had. May I remind the House that the *Arrow* incident cost the taxpayers of this country in the neighbourhood of \$4 million plus and that the one facing us now in Prince Edward Island will probably cost \$2 million plus. A reasonable figure might be somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$25 million or \$30 million.

**Mr. Speaker:** Orders of the day.