

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): I am sure the Prime Minister can speak for himself, but as far as I am concerned no inquiry was ever promised. I did say, and I think the Prime Minister said too, that the residents of Jasper and Banff would have every opportunity of placing their case before the government prior to the introduction of legislation.

Mr. Horner (Jasper-Edson): When will they get that opportunity?

Mr. Laing: As the house progresses with its work and we get along to the legislation, there will be an opportunity then.

SHIPBUILDING**BRITISH COLUMBIA—APPLICATION OF
SUBSIDY TO PROVINCIAL FERRIES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): I have a question to direct to the Minister of Transport arising out of the exclusion of British Columbia vessels from the benefit of the shipbuilding subsidies. In view of the fact that the British Columbia legislature with, I understand, the vociferous support of the Liberal leader there, has unanimously passed a motion requesting that this decision be reversed, I should like to ask whether the minister's heart has been hardened or softened by this action.

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, my heart continues to be soft.

Mr. Barnett: Then may I ask when the minister's head is likely to become hard enough to take a fair look at this question?

Mr. Pickersgill: I hope a fair look at this question will be taken soon.

INDUSTRY**STUDEBAKER CORPORATION—CESSATION OF
OPERATIONS WITHOUT CONSULTATION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): My question is directed to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. In view of the serious economic and employment problems resulting from the overnight announcement of the Studebaker Corporation that it was ceasing its motor car operation, without any consultation with any level of government—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member should not put his question in this form. I suggest the preamble he is now using is out of order.

Mr. Gilbert: Then I will put the question. Would the minister give consideration to adding another point to his 12 point code of good corporation behaviour expected from Canadian subsidiaries which would read as follows: "To give all levels of government at least three months' notice—"

Mr. Speaker: Order. That question cannot be accepted.

TRANSPORT**SECOND FERRY BETWEEN NOVA SCOTIA
AND NEW ENGLAND**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. O. Bower (Shelburne-Yarmouth-Clare): My question is directed to the Minister of Transport. Has the minister received the Margeson report on a second New England-Nova Scotia ferry service? If so, what action is being taken to provide a more comprehensive service?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): This is a question which I do not think I can answer effectively on the orders of the day.

Mr. MacEwan: Nor at any other time.

**POSSIBLE FARE INCREASE ON N.B.-P.E.I.
FERRY SERVICE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David MacDonald (Prince): My question is directed to the Minister of Transport. Can the minister tell us whether there is to be any increase, as I understand may be the case, in the fares charged by the C.N.R. on the New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island ferry service?

Mr. Speaker: Order. This question should be placed on the order paper.

VETERANS AFFAIRS**INQUIRY AS TO REPORT ON
PENSION COMMISSION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. John Loney (Bruce): I have a question for the Minister of Veterans Affairs. I should like to ask the minister whether he has taken note of the question I raised on March 31 concerning an inquiry into the procedure and organization of the Canada Pension Commission by Mr. Justice Wells. Can the hon.