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through you, Mr. Speaker, that this is of course a joint endeavour with the government of the province of Ontario. As for the presentation of documentation and that type of thing, I have said that I am prepared to provide whatever is necessary to support the decision that was made. I shall consult with them with a view to seeing what kind of package we can make available which is as informative as possible.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, in so far as the province of Ontario is concerned, that is another matter. What we are dealing with in this Parliament and have a right to deal with is what the government of Canada is going to do in connection with the airport. That is the information I want.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It seems to me that the right hon. gentleman is reiterating the question that was asked in the first instance.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, I am not reiterating. Apparently it becomes necessary to repeat rather than to reiterate.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Diefenbaker: Will the minister produce all the documents concerned with the decision, however much I disagree with what is being done? I refer to the documents having to do with the airport that the government of Canada contemplates building. Will the minister give those documents? That is what I am asking for.

Mr. Trudeau: That is a reiteration.

Mr. Jamieson: Yes, that is a reiteration. I assure the right hon. member that I have no difficulty—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

An hon. Member: Just an echo.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I would not think it necessary for the minister to reiterate the reply he gave a moment ago. The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Diefenbaker: I rise on a question of privilege. This does not apply to the minister in question, but questions that are asked are brushed aside with an insouciance—

Mr. Drury: Order!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Diefenbaker: —that is not in keeping with parliament.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

[Mr. Jamieson.]

Mr. Diefenbaker: I am trying to get information for people who have a right to be heard.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: The Chair has recognized the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS**CONSIDERATION OF INCREASE IN BASIC RATE OF WAR DISABILITY PENSION AND VETERANS ALLOWANCE**

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs. In view of representations made recently to the minister by the War Amputations of Canada calling for an increase in the basic rate of the war disability pension, can the minister say whether consideration is being given to those representations?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the answer is yes.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): May I ask a supplementary question. Is consideration also being given to increasing the amount of the war veterans allowance?

Mr. Laing: At the present time, no, Mr. Speaker, but an action taken in one place might have consequences in another.

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PUBLIC SERVICE**AIRPORT FIREFIGHTERS' WAGE SCALE—ACTION TO PREVENT FINANCIAL LOSS TO WORKERS EMBODIED IN PROPOSED ALTERATION**

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the President of the Treasury Board. In light of the recent series of troubles at Canada's airports, will the minister give urgent attention to forestalling the proposed alteration in the wage scale for airport firefighters, especially that part which will result in serious financial loss for many faithful workers?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, I am not familiar with the circumstances but I will look into this.

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MANPOWER**LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR QUEBEC MUNICIPAL PROJECTS**

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister?