

*Inquiries of the Ministry*A.B.M. SYSTEM—POSSIBILITY OF PLACING
UNDER NORAD CONTROL

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Could the Prime Minister advise the house whether there have been any discussions between the United States and Canada regarding the placing of the so-called Safeguard, the A.B.M. system, under NORAD command?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker. There have been no discussions on the latter point, and I do not believe there have been any on the immediately preceding point either.

POLLUTION

FEDERAL DEPARTMENT TO HANDLE VARYING
ASPECTS OF PROBLEM

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): My question is directed to the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. It arises from the growing pollution problem in our nation and the fact that these problems are now handled by five different government departments. Would the government consider setting up a federal department under one minister who would be responsible for all pollution problems in Canada?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): It would be impossible to do that, Mr. Speaker, because many aspects of the pollution problem do not come under federal jurisdiction. For such problems as do come under federal jurisdiction we have mechanics for co-ordinating the works of the various ministers involved.

WATER RESOURCES

STEPS TO PREVENT POLLUTION OF
BOW RIVER

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): I want to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Have any steps been taken by the federal government on their own accord to prevent the pollution of the Bow River which is affecting the cities, and the areas of southern Alberta through which it flows?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I made a statement in this respect before the Easter adjournment and the answer it contained is still valid.

[Mr. Trudeau.]

● (2:50 p.m.)

[English]

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

TELESAT CANADA ACT

MEASURE ESTABLISHING CORPORATION FOR
TELECOMMUNICATION BY SATELLITE

The house resumed, from Monday, April 14, consideration of the motion of Mr. Kierans that Bill C-184, to establish a Canadian corporation for telecommunication by satellite, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts.

Mr. Speaker: Is the house ready for the question? The hon. member for Broadview.

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Bill C-184, to establish a Canadian corporation for telecommunication by satellite, is of national and vital importance. This is the reason the government had two technical studies prepared by R.C.A. Victor and Northern Electric and the reason the government commissioned Dr. McIntosh, general manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, to make a report recommending a plan for the corporate, financial and management structure of this domestic satellite communication corporation.

The minister has refused to make public the report of Dr. McIntosh because of the confidential discussions referred to therein. I would ask the minister, however, to submit the report stripped of the confidential discussions in which Dr. McIntosh participated and containing his recommendations and his reasons therefor. I would also ask the minister to undertake that Dr. McIntosh will attend before the appropriate standing committee to give evidence with regard to his recommendations and reasons and to subject himself to the questioning of members of the standing committee. I rather suspect that one of Dr. McIntosh's recommendations was extensive participation by the carriers, namely, the trans-Canada telephone system and C.N.-C.P. Telecommunications, and by private Canadian investors along with the government. In fact, before the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications Mr. Gotlieb, one of the deputy ministers, suggested that probably the corporate structure would be set