

[Translation]

QUEBEC STATEMENT ON ALLEGED PLOT TO ESTABLISH  
PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

**Mr. René Matte (Champlain):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the Prime Minister a question.

In this morning's *Le Devoir*, Mr. Claude Ryan directly accuses the Prime Minister and his government of making up the story of a conspiracy to overthrow Mr. Bourassa and replace him with an interim government.

Is it the intention of the Prime Minister to make a specific statement in connection with this conspiracy?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, by an extraordinary coincidence, I was just reading this story when the question was asked.

Mr. Ryan says the government panicked. I see that he himself, in his article, refers to "errand boys" and "top level sources". For Mr. Ryan to speak English is evidence enough that he himself is feeling panic.

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

**Mr. Trudeau:** I only add, Mr. Speaker, that this same journalist is urging the other journalists to identify the "top level sources" which gave them the information. I would be delighted if the journalists were to identify the "top level sources" on which they always base their false reports, but I am surprised to see that it is a journalist who is asking other journalists to disclose their sources, and I am delighted about that.

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[English]

INDUSTRY

FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DOSCO SHAREHOLDERS—  
SUBMISSION TO HOUSE

**Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, on Friday last I directed a question to the Prime Minister which he took as notice. At that time I asked the Prime Minister whether, prior to any government financial settlement with the shareholders of DOSCO, the matter would be brought before the House for approval and whether the list of DOSCO shareholders will be made available along with the dates on which those individuals acquired their shares. I see the appropriate minister is in the House today. Could he answer that question?

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**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, I understand that an agreement has been reached between the shareholders and the Dosco Co. As far as the possibility of submitting to the House the text of that agreement is concerned, I am in touch with the Department of Justice in order to determine whether that could be done at present.

[English]

**Mr. MacInnis:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, one wonders whether Trudeaumania has changed to

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

Trudeaophobia. Since the Prime Minister indicated that the appropriate minister would handle this question, why has the answer not been given by the Minister of Justice who is responsible for this transfer of shares?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe.

**Mr. MacInnis:** Mr. Speaker, I raise a further point of order. Because of the roster system introduced by the Prime Minister into the House, we are required to wait for an answer until the appropriate minister is in the House. When they show up, when the two ministers are here and the wrong one answers, I think it is about time the roster system was straightened out.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO INCREASE PENSIONS

**Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe):** Mr. Speaker, may I address a question to the Prime Minister. As a result of the expression of unanimity shown in the House yesterday in supporting the need for increases to veterans, will the right hon. gentleman now act to introduce legislation on veterans pensions and social security to relieve the economic plight of disabled veterans and other sections of society?

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

**Mr. Marshall:** Also, would he please indicate when we can expect this legislation?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Veterans Affairs stated very ably yesterday the government's position in this matter.

**Mr. Hees:** He said it would take a very long time.

**Mr. Marshall:** Since the answer of the Minister of Veterans Affairs was not very clear, would the Prime Minister assure the House that this legislation will be given the highest degree of priority in view of the list of legislation now before the House?

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FINANCE

PRIME INTEREST RATE—REPLY BY BANKS TO OPINION  
EXPRESSED BY MINISTER—PROFIT MARGIN LEGISLATION

**Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Finance. Have the minister's views regarding the interest rate levels of the chartered banks been directly communicated to the banks? If so, has he received a reply? If he has not directly communicated with the banks, has he received a reply from the banks regarding the opinions that he has expressed?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I answered that question yesterday. I have been directly in touch with the banks and I have not received a reply.