

Inquiries of the Ministry

Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys in what is to be his new capacity as Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, and it has to do with the National Power Grid. Before the bill is debated on second reading would it be possible for the minister to give the house either a progress report on the study of the Ingledow report or some form of written summary on which we can base our remarks? Second, has there been any consultation between the minister on the one side and Ontario Hydro and the Ontario government on the other side concerning the interconnection between Sudbury, Ontario, and Manitoba?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys): Mr. Speaker, I am not acquainted with the second part of the question. With regard to the first part, I shall try to inform myself better and see if this matter can be brought within the framework of the discussion on the reorganization of the department.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

POSSIBLE CONSPIRACY IN PRODUCTION OF PROGRAM "THE PUBLIC EYE"

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the President of the Privy Council in his capacity as the minister who deals with matters coming under the purview of the Combines Investigation Act. Would the minister look into the possibility that a conspiracy may exist between a former member of this house, an officer of the Canadian Labour Congress, and the executive producer of "The Public Eye", a former public relations director of the C.B.R.T., to portray on the program "The Public Eye" tonight a biased and distorted view of a certain trade union in Canada?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The significance of this question is not apparent to the Chair. I assume that the minister, if he understands the purport of the question, will take appropriate action.

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, in view of the interesting question asked by the hon. member for Skeena, will the minister provide all hon. members with a copy of the script of the program "The Public Eye" which is to be televised at 10.30 this evening? I am sure everybody will find it most interesting.

[Mr. Hamilton.]

INQUIRY AS TO TERMS OF REFERENCE OF MEDIATOR

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David MacDonald (Prince): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. In the light of Mr. Ouimet's statement this morning that it was difficult to see what kind of outcome would result from the present negotiations conducted by Mr. Keate, could the Prime Minister tell us whether terms of reference have been drafted for Mr. Keate's negotiations?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, Mr. Keate is in touch with both sides to the dispute, and has been for some days, within the terms of reference outlined a week ago Sunday when I announced his appointment.

Mr. L. M. Brand (Saskatoon): As a supplementary question, in view of the fact that the Prime Minister said that terms of reference have been given to Mr. Keate, could he supply a copy of them to Mr. Alphonse Ouimet, the president of the C.B.C., who said this morning that none were available?

Mr. Pearson: The terms of reference to which I have referred were included in the statement I gave to the press a week ago Sunday announcing that Mr. Keate was going to try to be helpful in this matter.

HIGHWAY SAFETY

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REPORT ON GOVERNMENT JURISDICTION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Reid Scott (Danforth): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Industry. In view of the widespread interest in the subject of automobile safety, has the minister yet received the report from the Department of Justice dealing with the question of which level of government has jurisdiction to outline safety features for motor vehicles at the production level?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Scott (Danforth): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Will the minister table the document so that members of the house may see it?

Mr. Drury: Mr. Speaker, as I understand the rules of the house, the tabling of opinions by the law officers of the crown is not the practice.