

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, I have ascertained what I wish to know. I have confirmed that there are no powers until an emergency is declared, and the minister is not prepared to say that this state exists today.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Brant. May we have order, please. These exchanges across the floor make it very difficult for the hon. member who has the floor to put his question and for others to hear him.

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LABOUR RELATIONS

ONTARIO BILL RESPECTING SCHOOLTEACHERS— FEDERAL GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant): Mr. Speaker, my question relates to the question I asked the Minister of Justice on Monday. As Bill 274 has now passed second reading in the Ontario legislature and as sections of the bill are contrary to civil liberties, to be precise, forced labour, is the minister now in a position to recommend the disallowance of this provincial legislation?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, the question is clearly in its terms hypothetical since disallowance can hardly apply at this stage. It is the general position of the government that the power of disallowance is a rather extraordinary one to be used in special circumstances. The ordinary remedy for dealing with laws of the provinces lies in the political processes in the provinces.

Mr. Blackburn: Has the minister been in contact with his provincial counterpart with respect to the legality of Bill 274?

Mr. Lang: No, Mr. Speaker.

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[Translation]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

INQUIRY AS TO CLAIM BY ONTARIO FOR REIMBURSEMENT BASED ON USE OF ITS OWN POLICE RATHER THAN RCMP

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the Solicitor General of Canada.

Can he tell us if the Ontario government made him a request like the one from the Quebec government concerning the reimbursement of part of the funds used by the RCMP, since Quebec and Ontario have their own police force?

[English]

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): No, they have not, Mr. Speaker.

Oral Questions

[Translation]

Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a supplementary question.

Has the minister advised the Quebec Minister of Justice to integrate the Quebec Police Force into the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, thus allowing the province to get back the \$362 million requested from the federal government?

[English]

Mr. Allmand: No, I did not, Mr. Speaker.

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ENERGY

OIL—SUGGESTED INVOKING OF CERTAIN STATUTES TO MAKE ALLOCATIONS IN CASES OF SHORT SUPPLY

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce supplementary to that asked by my leader. I would ask the minister why he and the government have not invoked the provisions of the Export and Import Permits Act, the National Energy Board Act and the authority of the Calafail case which was decided by the Federal Court of Canada, to distribute and allocate in cases of shortages of particular commodities, which these acts and that litigation give the government the authority to do?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman will find—

Some hon. Members: Gillespie, Gillespie!

Mr. Fairweather: We want the other minister to answer.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman will find that there is no such authority in the Export and Import Permits Act.

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Mr. Baldwin: Will the minister improve his very scanty knowledge of law by consulting his legal advisers? Under the authority of the Calafail case there is such authority but this government does not have the guts to act on it.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

OIL—NATIONAL SURVEY TO DETERMINE WHERE SHORTAGES EXIST—MAGNITUDE OF SHORTFALL

Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Has the minister undertaken a national survey to determine where local energy supply problems exist and what the magnitude of these regional supply difficulties is? If so, can he give the details of his findings?