

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Hees: You are blushing, Bryce; you are blushing.

Mr. Brewin: Was the minister stating government policy when he is reported to have said in Montreal yesterday that the object of the feminist movement should be not to produce a race of women who will at any given moment turn their saucepans into swords?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member knows that a question like that can only be directed to the Prime Minister or Acting Prime Minister.

Mr. Brewin: Mr. Speaker, may I direct my question to the Acting Prime Minister.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I doubt whether there is a supplementary which could be in order on this subject.

Mr. Brewin: May I try, Mr. Speaker, and then you can rule on whether it is in order. May I ask the Acting Prime Minister how soon it is anticipated that the Royal Commission on the Status of Women will be making its report?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am not informed. I will make inquiries.

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**INFLATION—CO-OPERATION OF ORGANIZED LABOUR IN ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM**

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Has-tings): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Over a week ago I asked the minister if he would take the first opportunity on motions to report to the House what success the Prices and Incomes Commission is having in persuading the leaders of organized labour to give that co-operation without which no anti-inflation program can be successful. He said he would speak to the chairman and would see about giving a report as soon as possible. Is he now in a position to ask for unanimous consent to revert to motions in order that he may give that report?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I discussed the matter with the chairman, as I said I would, and the commission has a number of initiatives under way. But it was the view of the chairman that nothing very useful could be said on motions at this particular time.

Mr. Hees: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is it not true that the leaders of organized labour have told the government to go fly a kite, and that the Prices and Incomes Commission has fallen flat on its face once again?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have to interrupt the hon. member to suggest that his question is not asked correctly from a procedural standpoint.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COMMISSION**ACTION TO SPEED UP PROCESSING OF PAYMENTS TO UNEMPLOYED**

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Labour which I have asked previously on other days and I hope it has been brought to his attention. Would he be in a position within the next day or so to make a statement on motions concerning the proposals that the Unemployment Insurance Commission may have to clear up the endless delays and complications experienced by the unemployed in receiving their unemployment insurance cheques?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I might do better than that. I will arrange to bring the estimates of the Unemployment Insurance Commission before the appropriate committee within the next two weeks in order to give the hon. member and other hon. members an opportunity to question the representatives of the commission on its efficiency or inefficiency.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS**SURVEY OF COST AND QUALITY OF CAR REPAIRS**

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs somewhat related to those asked earlier by the Leader of the Opposition. Is his department conducting a survey of the cost and the quality of car repairs in Canada and, if so, when can we expect a report?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): No, Mr. Speaker, it is not.