

## Oral Questions

[Translation]

**Mr. Ouellet:** I do not see any relation between the premises of the hon. member's comments and his conclusions. It is essential, Mr. Speaker, to have a bill granting Canada a really fair and efficient competition. It is extremely important to have such a legislation on competition which will really protect small companies.

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[English]

## THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

## REQUEST FOR ANNOUNCEMENT PRIOR TO BUDGET OF PROPOSALS TO CURB UNEMPLOYMENT

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Mr. Speaker, I direct my question to the Minister of Finance, and I should like to welcome him back in order that he may answer some domestic questions. In view of the fact that economists now predict an unemployment rate of nearly 8 per cent for early 1975, which will result in the loss of billions of dollars in productivity in Canada, is it his intention before his budget to announce new proposals which will turn around the anticipated increase in unemployment?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, without accepting the import of the preamble to the hon. gentleman's question, what I have to say will be said on budget night. I would caution the hon. gentleman if he thinks that domestic problems in this country can be solved outside the international context.

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## FINANCE

## REDUCTION OF MORTGAGE INTEREST RATES—MINISTER'S POSITION

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Mr. Speaker, in view of layoffs in the lumber industry, particularly in British Columbia and Quebec, along with recent declines in housing starts, does the minister now intend to instruct banks and financial institutions to lower their mortgage rates in respect of new residential housing in this country?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I think I have answered that question on several occasions, particularly in response to the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby, who now enjoys the position of leader of his party.

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## RESEARCH

## NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS IN MEDICAL FIELD—NUMBER OF SCIENTISTS LEAVING CANADA BECAUSE OF LACK OF FUNDS

**Miss Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands):** Mr. Speaker, in light of the commitment of the Minister of National Health and Welfare in the committee on April 4 of this year to do everything he could to provide the

[Mr. Stevens.]

medical research council with additional funding in the order of \$2.5 million this year, can he now advise the House whether he has yet found the funding required or, failing that, what progress he has made to date to locate this very necessary amount of money?

[Translation]

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I am sorry I have to answer the hon. member that I have not yet found the funds she mentioned but, as I did in April, I will continue to do my best to locate them somewhere.

[English]

**Miss MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands):** Mr. Speaker, could the minister advise the House whether there has been a tabulation of the number of Canadian medical scientists who have been forced to leave Canada this year to carry on their research elsewhere because of the lack of funds available through the medical research council?

[Translation]

**Mr. Lalonde:** Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, at least to my knowledge, no such study has been made. There are difficulties in assessing the causes why, in specific cases, scientists choose to move. I will inquire whether such a study has been made and try to get that information.

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[English]

## URBAN AFFAIRS

## REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT POLICY IN RESPECT OF GREEN SPACES IN CITIES

**Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the statement yesterday by the Minister of State for Urban Affairs about trade-offs in respect of green spaces in Canadian cities, will he inform the House how this trade-off principle will affect specifically the experimental farm in the city of Ottawa and the greenbelt surrounding it, and indicate whether the government is now actively planning to intrude development into these areas?

**Hon. Barnett J. Danson (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I was just speaking about the general picture in Canada, trying to make people aware of the necessary considerations we have in attempting to deal with growth in our cities. Certainly, the city of Ottawa in particular has to be treated with special sensitivity. There will be further discussions on this subject before the special joint committee of the House and Senate announced in the Speech from the Throne, and in respect of other reports which are forthcoming. This will give us ample opportunity to deal with the member's concerns, which I share.

**Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the importance of the matter, as recognized by the minister, would he be prepared to make a statement on motions at the earliest opportunity to clarify what he and the government mean in respect of the diminution of the very precious green spaces in the urban areas of this country?