fact be the guidelines? When I have an answer to that I will have a supplementary.

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, the guidelines are as set out in the white paper which was made public to parliament and to the country and which the chairman has been following in the course of carrying out his mandate. The question of regulations and their content has been discussed within the government of Canada, of course. There has been consultation with regard to some of the problems that can occur with various sectors of the community which would be affected by them and we have had consultation particularly with the board that would have the responsibility of carrying them out. They have not been finalized as yet.

#### REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF POLICY STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): A supplementary question. Does the minister want the country to understand that the general regulations are so elastic that Hamletlike, Mr. Pepin, as reported in the press today, can say that the initial stand on wage demands will have "an element of rough justice" and that the board will later soften its approach? Is that the position the government takes? I ask the minister if it be such and if Mr. Pepin spoke for the government, then how does anyone know at any time what the regulations will be? To me, it is a most complex situation and either Mr. Pepin spoke from transcendental meditation or just plain nonsense. I ask the minister, therefore, is it not a fact that as a result of the uncertainties of this statement by Mr. Pepin there can only be confusion more confounded. Nobody will know when and if the law is in force or not. As a matter of fact, the teachers have no more idea today what the results will be. Surely, the minister can be clearer than he has been up to now, particularly in the answer given to the Leader of the Opposition which was totally unjust.

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I suppose I really should not have to repeat to the right hon. member, who has been a long-standing and distinguished member of the bar, that this parliament has passed a bill which, when it receives royal assent, will become the law of the country. That bill sets out the general framework of the policy of the government with regard to the anti-inflation program. Under that bill there will be authority to make regulations which, as the hon. gentleman knows, cannot be made definitive until the bill has received royal assent. When it is assented to, then there is legal authority to make regulations. It will be under those regulations that the Anti-Inflation Board will have the responsibility of carrying out its role. I suspect that before very long we will be having complaints from the right hon. gentleman that the regulations are too detailed rather than not detailed enough!

## Oral Questions

### **ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**

SKY SHOPS INVESTIGATION—RELATIONSHIP TO INVESTIGATIONS OF MIRABEL AND OLYMPIC VILLAGE

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Solicitor General. Can the minister state definitely, despite any statements that have been made up to this point, whether the current investigations, not only the Sky Shops affair, but those linked as well to Mirabel, the Olympic village and others, through documents obtained in warrants of search and seizure taken from the various premises of Senator Louis Giguère, are all related?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): I cannot say that publicly, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Hees: Out in the woodshed.

#### SKY SHOPS INVESTIGATION—POSSIBILITY OF CHARGES BEING LAID AND TABLING OF DOCUMENTS SEIZED

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question. Without asking the Solicitor General to specify any individuals at this point, could he at least confirm to the House that several charges are imminent as a result of investigations in progress to this point, and if he decides not to table some of the documents I asked for, would he assist me in gaining unanimous consent of the House so I might table some of them?

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

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, with respect to the laying of charges, the hon. member should know that this is done by Crown prosecutors under the jurisdiction of the provincial governments and not by myself or by the Minister of Justice for Canada. With respect to his first question, he should also know that by asking questions about police investigations in the House of Commons he is not helping the police but those who are being investigated.

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#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

# GOVERNMENT VIEW OF NEED FOR ACTION IN VIEW OF SKY SHOPS INVESTIGATION

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Prime Minister?

Mr. Trudeau: I did not hear the first one.

Mr. Baldwin: I hope he still has his sense of humour.

**Mr. Trudeau:** I don't know if you are as funny as your leader was.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): At any rate, I see the Prime Minister smiling.