Questions

SUPERVISION OF PRIVATE PENSION PLANS

Question No. 2,871-Mr. Orlikow:

In preparing legislation regarding private pension plans, is consideration being given to adequate supervision of the investment policies being followed by the private plans and especially to ensuring that the equity of employees contributing to such plans is not being jeopardized by conflict of interest on the part of the directors of the companies involved?

Mr. L. T. Pennell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): Yes.

LAND SALES FOR TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY, LOTBINIÈRE COUNTY, QUE.

Question No. 2,877-Mr. Caouette:

1. Within the boundaries of the constituency of Lotbinière how many property owners were obliged to sell part or all their land for the purpose of the trans-Canada highway?

2. How many, or what percentage of them, had received total payment at March 1, 1965?

Hon. Lucien Cardin (Minister of Public Works): 1. The Department of Public Works has no record of land transactions for trans-Canada highway purposes. The purchase of right of way for the highway is a provincial responsibility toward which the federal government does not contribute.

2. See part 1.

FAILURE OF RADIO STATION TO BROADCAST NEWS OF BEER DRINKING CONTEST

Question No. 2,883-Mr. Fisher:

1. Has the board of broadcast governors had its attention drawn to a report that radio CHUM failed to report in a newscast, sponsored by O'Keefe's brewery, a coroner's inquest in which evidence indicated some responsibility of the brewery in promoting a beer guzzling contest that led to a fatal automobile accident; if so, what were the comments of the board or any of its members regarding this matter?

2. Has the board any policy statements regarding sponsored newscasts on radio and television; if so, what is the gist of such statements?

Hon. Maurice Lamoniagne (Secretary of State): 1. Yes, however, CHUM has no newscast sponsored by O'Keefe's brewery. The story was carried 18 times on CHUM in 38 hours. It was referred to on February 25 in a commentary written and delivered by Bill Drylie, CHUM news editor; that commentary is sponsored by O'Keefe's.

2. The board's policy is given in regulations 5(1)(d) and 5(1)(g) which states as follows: "No station or network operator shall broadcast—(d) any false or misleading news; (g) any advertising content in the body of a news broadcast and for the purpose of this section, a summary is deemed to be part of the body of the broadcast."

[Mr. MacEachen.]

SPORTS

SUGGESTED SETTING UP OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a non-controversial question to the Prime Minister. It arises in connection with the reference you made a moment ago to the pride of Canadians in the success of Miss Petra Burka and other champions in the field of sport.

Without in any way being critical of the showing of the Canadian team in the world hockey championships, and recognizing the great importance to national and international prestige of success being attained in fields of athletics-particularly the degree to which success in athletics has its influence among nations which believe in freedom and among communist nations-would the government give consideration to preparing now for future competitions in the field of hockey by utilizing the fitness and amateur sports council that was set up under the government of which I had the honour to be prime minister, and set up a committee of parliament-and there are many representatives of various sports who have had great success in the house—to the end that we will assure hereafter that Canada's representation in the field of international competition, particularly in amateur sport, shall be of the very best?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the right hon. gentleman's question is, as he said, entirely non-controversial, but our method of participation in world hockey championships is, I believe, less non-controversial; and I may say in the present circumstances I have no particular desire to enter into the controversy on how we should participate. But I do agree with my hon. friend that this is an important matter and that it could very well be considered along the lines he has indicated.

One of our difficulties, of course, especially in hockey, lies in finding amateur hockey players to participate in so-called amateur tournaments. So highly skilled is our participation in hockey generally that practically every good player in Canada under the age of ten is on the negotiating list, at least, of some professional club. This makes it difficult to secure and keep together a representative group of players. However, I will be glad to take this matter up with the minister concerned, whose interest in hockey is, I know. equal to my own.