

ly refused to make these visits in the past six years is the fact that these countries were not sufficiently exotic to prove to him that he should make these visits?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Leeds.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

POSSIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN COMMUNIST PARTY AND IRA—SUGGESTION REPUBLICAN CLUBS ARE FRONTS FOR IRA

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Solicitor General. In view of the minister's statement on Tuesday that John Murphy, arrested in Ireland, is a member of the communist party of Canada, will he now tell the House if he has any information to indicate that the communist party of Canada is giving assistance to the IRA and specifically, have the Royal Canadian Mounted Police been requested to investigate fully any connection between the communist party and the IRA?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I have no information at all that the communist party of Canada is assisting the IRA.

Mr. Cossitt: A supplementary question to the Solicitor General. Is the minister or is the RCMP investigating reports that so-called Republican clubs are acting as IRA fronts in certain cities of Canada?

Mr. Allmand: Mr. Speaker, I have no information on that right now but I will look into it.

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FINANCE

MORTGAGE INTEREST RATES—SUGGESTED CHANGE IN BANK OF CANADA POLICY TO REDUCE—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, a question for the Minister of Finance. On April 9, as recorded at page 3087 of *Hansard* the minister stated that where the monetary policy was in conflict with the fiscal policy, the Bank of Canada controls the monetary policy while the government controls the fiscal policy; in light of that fact and the fact that mortgage interest rates for CMHC loans are going up as high as 10 per cent and probably 12 per cent, does the minister now consider that it is time he discussed the matter with the Bank of Canada, because there is definitely a conflict, to bring about a change in policy?

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Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Fraser Valley West.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Oral Questions

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, there is no conflict. I see the Governor of the Bank of Canada regularly.

Mr. Woolliams: Is it now clearly established that the government policy is high interest rates and there will be no change, except for an increase in the interest rates of CMHC mortgages and conventional mortgages in Canada?

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS

ALLEGED HIGH FEES OF DOCTORS AND LAWYERS—POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT ACTION TO ENSURE ACCESS TO THESE SERVICES AT REASONABLE COST

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In view of the fact just revealed by Statistics Canada that in 1971 medical doctors' and lawyers' incomes were on average four to five times higher than the incomes of ordinary Canadians, will the minister responsible for the protection of Canadian consumers be good enough to inform the House whether his department is conducting any studies on the subject of doctors' and lawyers' fees charged to Canadians, and what steps he proposes to take to ensure that Canadian taxpayers seeking to maintain their health and to protect their legal rights have access to these services at reasonable costs?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the matter the hon. member has raised comes essentially within provincial jurisdiction.

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HEALTH

ALLEGED HIGH COST OF MEDICAL SERVICES—CONTINUATION OF FEE FOR SERVICE CONCEPT FOR DOCTORS—GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): Given the almost predictable attitude of the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Since the federal tax dollar is being spent massively on medical education and on medicare, and in view of the concern expressed by federal government spokesmen about the soaring costs of health care in Canada, will the minister tell the House whether any serious studies are being conducted in his department to determine the extent, if any, the medical profession is abusing its privileged position in terms of ripping off the taxpayer of Canada and in terms of dispensing extravagant medical services to those few overly concerned about their health?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member is asking a question which I suggest ought normally be answered by way of a statement on motions.

Mr. Rose: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I asked if any studies were currently being conducted by the Minister of National Health and Welfare on these two points, dispensing services and treatment of—