

Inquiries of the Ministry

Quebec in order to learn the views of people on that thorny question which is separatism, since I consider that it is a national matter?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I realize that the proposal would raise some difficulties, but I am ready to discuss it with the hon. member, if his arguments are liable to convince me.

[English]

VETERANS AFFAIRS**SUGGESTED COMMEMORATION OF
D-DAY INVASION**

Mr. Colin D. Gibson (Hamilton-Wentworth): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. This being the 25th anniversary of D-Day, June 6, 1944, one of the greatest days in Canadian history, would the Prime Minister consider holding each year on Parliament Hill an appropriate ceremony commemorating this great event?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I would be prepared to discuss this interesting suggestion with the Minister of Veterans Affairs.

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): A supplementary question. I would ask the Prime Minister why he did not recognize the remarks that were made by the defence critic on this side to his own Minister of National Defence a few meetings ago.

WOODS REPORT—REQUEST FOR PRESENTATION

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Would he consider making the commemoration of D-Day more meaningful by tabling the white paper on the Woods report concerning veterans affairs before the summer recess?

WATER RESOURCES**POLLUTION CONTROL IN INTERPROVINCIAL
WATERS—AIR POLLUTION**

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister without Portfolio responsible for water resources. Resulting from the appointment in Ontario of a new Minister of Energy and Resources Management, and his energetic approach to the problem, and in view of his

[Mr. Caouette.]

statement that he will press the federal government to take action on pollution control in interprovincial waters, is the minister reconsidering the government's position and will he shortly be making a statement on this particular problem?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, the government's position in regard to pollution matters will be further revealed when the water bill is given first reading. I welcome very much, of course, the positive statements about co-operation which were made by the new minister who was recently appointed in Ontario, because that certainly is the line of attack which seems to us to be essential in respect to this important problem in Canada.

Mr. Aiken: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question which I will direct to the Prime Minister. Is the government considering following the lead of Ontario and placing responsibility for both water and air pollution under one department?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Aiken: A further supplementary question which is based on the large number of speeches and the very commendable and extensive interest being taken in regard to water pollution by the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. Will the Prime Minister soon consider making a statement in the house as to who will be the minister or ministers responsible for water pollution?

NATIONAL DEFENCE**INQUIRY AS TO REDUCTION IN HELICOPTER
PROGRAM**

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, might I direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. Can the minister inform the house whether or not the government has given any consideration to cutting back the d.d.h-280 program and, if not, will it be carried out in full.

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, we have not given consideration to cutting off this program. As a matter of fact, I should say that I think 75 per cent of the money provided for the program has already been spent.