

## PENITENTIARIES

PRINCE ALBERT—INQUIRY AS TO TRANSFER OF WARDEN

**Mr. Rod Thomson (Battleford-Kindersley):** I have a question for the Acting Solicitor General. In view of the problems at the Prince Albert penitentiary, is the minister considering the transfer of the warden of that penitentiary?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Acting Solicitor General):** Not that I know of, Mr. Speaker.

TRANSFER OF FEMALE INMATES FROM MATSQUI  
TO KINGSTON

**Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West):** I have a supplementary question for the Acting Solicitor General with regard to the closing of the Matsqui correctional unit in British Columbia. Has the minister or the government had an opportunity to reconsider this proposal in view of the fact it will result in the loss of 65 correctional staff jobs in British Columbia?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** I will look into the matter, Mr. Speaker.

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## NATIONAL SECURITY

EXPLOSIVES AND ARMS SEIZED FROM FLQ

**Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore):** I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. Can the minister say whether there have been any further seizures of explosives and arms from FLQ arsenals? If so, will he indicate the extent of such seizures and the amount of the remaining explosives and arms available to the FLQ?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** Even if that question could be answered with any precision, Mr. Speaker, I do not have with me further specific figures since the last time I addressed the House on the subject.

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## COMBINES

ALLEGED MONOPOLY IN ALBERTA BROILER INDUSTRY

**Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville):** I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. On November 12 I asked the minister a question with regard to an alleged monopoly in the Alberta broiler industry by the Alberta Poultry Marketers Co-operative. Is the minister now in a position to indicate what progress has been made with respect to the investigation being conducted by his officials, particularly with regard to possible breaches of the Combines Investigation Act?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** As I indicated, Mr. Speaker, the report was referred to the proper officials of the Combines Investigation Branch. Under the Act, progress of an investigation is not reported except in the annual report of the director or in the event charges are laid involving an infraction of the Combines Investigation Act.

## Inquiries of the Ministry

**Mr. Mazankowski:** After the investigation is completed, will the minister be making a report to the House in view of the fact the matter was raised in the House?

**Mr. Basford:** Mr. Speaker, completed investigations are reported in the annual report of the Director of Investigation and Research under the Combines Investigation Act.

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[Translation]

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

ASSISTANCE OF FRANCE IN TEACHING OF FRENCH  
IN MANITOBA

**Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Secretary of State.

A delegation from Manitoba went to France recently to assess the possibilities of getting some assistance for the teaching of French in that province. Could the Secretary of State tell us if these negotiations have been approved and conducted according to federal government requirements?

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, I think the Secretary of State for External Affairs can answer this question and not the Secretary of State.

**Mr. Ricard:** Then, Mr. Speaker, I should like to put my question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, and I shall repeat it in English.

[English]

A short time ago a delegation from the province of Manitoba visited France in order to study the possibility of obtaining assistance in the teaching of French in the province of Manitoba. Can the minister state whether the conducting of these negotiations has been approved by the federal government?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** I do not think it is a question of approval, Mr. Speaker. As far as I know, any representations were made in accordance with the Canadian constitution and did not raise any constitutional issues.

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## WELFARE

DISCUSSIONS WITH PROVINCES ON ASSISTANCE FOR  
SINGLE UNEMPLOYED PERSONS

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the fact that reports continue to come in that single unemployed persons are being denied welfare in some provinces because the municipalities are naturally reluctant to assume responsibility for those who are not residents, will the minister undertake to conduct discussions with the provincial governments to see if some arrangement can be worked out so that such single unemployed persons who do not have domicile in a particular community can be taken care of rather than being pushed from pillar to post?