

was not intended upon the setting of the committee that the report would be made a public document. It was to be treated as advice as if it had been advice from servants of the government. I have noted the hon. member's representations today and earlier and I will be quite happy, when we come to the point where amendments are being proposed to the law, to consider whether it might be possible to make the Bryden report available. I am not in a position to make a commitment to my hon. friend that it will be made public, but I assure him that the position will be considered.

Mr. Forrestall: Mr. Speaker, as the reply the other day was somewhat vague, can the minister give us some indication when we may expect these very necessary amendments to the act?

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, my view at the moment is that we cannot expect these amendments in the early part of this session.

* * *

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

NORAD AGREEMENT—POSITION OF NEGOTIATIONS— OPPORTUNITY FOR DEBATE BEFORE DECISION MADE

Mr. Doug Rowland (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In light of the fact that the NORAD agreement is due to expire shortly, can the minister indicate to the House where negotiations stand now, if they are under way, at what level they are being conducted and at what point he expects to become directly involved himself?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, there are no active negotiations going on at the present time so I am unable to state at what time I might be actively involved myself.

• (1150)

Mr. Rowland: Would the minister give his assurance that the House will have an opportunity to debate the question prior to any final agreement being reached between Canada and the United States?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I am sure there will be plenty of opportunities when the standing committee is struck to discuss this and other issues. Of course the government itself will take responsibility for agreements of this kind.

* * *

MANPOWER

ALLEGED DOWNGRADING OF STUDENT MANPOWER OFFICES ON CAMPUSES

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the tragic level of unemployment across Canada and the particular difficulty students have in obtaining employment, will the minister reverse the decision of his department, to take effect on February 1,

Oral Questions

which downgrades and effectively emasculates student manpower offices on hundreds of campuses across this country?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of such downgrading. I shall look into it. The hon. member must have some evidence of it, but I do not have that evidence. I will look into it and report to him directly.

Mr. Nowlan: I thank the minister for his reply, Mr. Speaker. After he finds out what is going to take place with regard to these student manpower offices, will he make a statement on motions because this applies to campuses all across the country, and I know there are many students on these "campi" who are concerned?

Mr. Andras: Mr. Speaker, off the cuff it is my impression that we are in fact stepping up this service to the various students on all the different "campi", but I will make sure of this and get the information to the hon. members in one form or another.

* * *

AGRICULTURE

INQUIRY AS TO EXPANDED CREDIT PROGRAMS

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the serious financial problems faced by young people trying to enter and remain in farming, can the minister say whether Canadian farmers are likely to see any expanded agricultural credit programs over the next few weeks?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Possibly, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Murta: The minister says "possibly". I would like the minister to inform the House what form these agricultural programs will take and when we can expect them to be introduced, so that members of the House and also the Canadian people can have a look at them?

Mr. Whelan: Mr. Speaker, I have met with all my provincial counterparts and many farm organizations in Canada since accepting this portfolio, asking them for their input. As soon as I have all their submissions I will let the House know.

POSSIBLE REINTRODUCTION OF INCOME STABILIZATION PLAN

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, as a supplementary question I would like to ask the minister whether, when he indicated on his recent trip to western Canada that the grain receipts income plan would be implemented, he had the concurrence of the Minister of Justice who speaks for the Wheat Board?

Mr. Murta: Income stabilization plan.

Mr. Korchinski: Yes. Did the minister get the concurrence of the Minister of Justice before making the state-