Inquiries of the Ministry

the employees of the employment bureau who even yesterday knew nothing about it?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member is making a suggestion of which the minister will take note.

[English]

NORTHERN AFFAIRS

INQUIRY AS TO AMENDMENT OF YUKON QUARTZ MINING ACT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, now that the Minister of Finance has somewhat relieved the concern of the mining industry by his statement of yesterday, I wonder whether the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development could relieve the urgent concern of the industry with respect to when it might be expected that amendments to the Yukon Quartz Mining Act will be introduced.

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, we would hope at an early date. Some conversations are taking place now between my officers and the two sections of the industry concerned, and we hope they will be satisfied at a very early date.

Mr. Nielsen: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Does the minister on behalf of the government anticipate that those amendments might be before the house this session?

Mr. Laing: It would be my hope, yes.

[Translation]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

QUEBEC—STATUS OF CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Auguste Choquette (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct to the Prime Minister an urgent question about a recent incident which could endanger the sovereignty of the federal government in the field of international relations.

Has the federal government or one of its officials received a telegram from the chief of protocol of the Quebec government to the effect that the Canadian ambassador to Belgium would be considered *persona non grata* by the Quebec government during the visit of Prince Albert de Liège and his wife?

Mr. Speaker: I wonder whether the question is urgent at this time.

[Mr. Godin.]

Mr. Choquette: Mr. Speaker, the urgency of my question is based on the fact that, in Quebec city, a former Conservative member by the name of Jean-Noël Tremblay is in the process of undermining confederation by all sorts of unacceptable statements and attitudes.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Order.

Mr. Choquette: All separatists are former Conservative members—

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Mr. Choquette: Jean-Noël Tremblay.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Surely the hon. member for Lotbinière knows that he should resume his seat when the Chair asks him to do so.

Mr. Choquette: Mr. Speaker, since Jean-Noël Tremblay, former Conservative member of parliament and separatist, and Yvon Groulx, former Conservative candidate—

Mr. Speaker: Order. Would the hon. member resume his seat? The hon. member is supposed to put a question to the house and I am sure he knows that he cannot preface it with a series of considerations.

Mr. Choquette: I will rephrase my question. I should like to know, Mr. Speaker, and I put the question to the Secretary of State or her parliamentary secretary, whether the Laurendeau-Dunton commission will make a thorough study of the actions of the Conservative party in order to find out why all the members from Quebec are becoming separatists?

[English]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

PROPOSED TELEVISION BROADCAST OF HISTORY OF PARLIAMENT

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I direct this question to the Prime Minister in the absence of the Secretary of State. Parliament voted a specific amount to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation for centennial purposes. One of the plans was that parliament and the history of parliament would be televised. That plan has now been cancelled by the C.B.C.

I would ask the Prime Minister whether he would communicate with the C.B.C. with a view to having this program reinstated, for