

## PILOTAGE

## INQUIRY AS TO REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the interest previously shown during the question period about royal commissions may I ask the Minister of Transport about a royal commission that really is important, namely the royal commission on pilotage.

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, the last time I made inquiries I was told it would be some considerable time before the report of this royal commission could be available. If the hon. gentleman felt that any influence he could exert would speed it up, I would be grateful.

## THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

## INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION ON PRICE SPREADS

On the orders of the day:

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, there is a question I would like to ask the Acting Prime Minister which also arises out of that memorable broadcast of last evening. Has the government determined on the appointment of a price spreads commission similar in purpose and aim to that set up under the government of Right Hon. R. B. Bennett? If such a determination has been made, have any invitations been extended to potential members of that commission?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Acting Prime Minister):** No, Mr. Speaker.

## ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

## GOVERNMENT CONSIDERATION OF BILL TO ABOLISH CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Solicitor General, supplementary to one that was put to him yesterday by the hon. member for Red Deer. When the Solicitor General makes his statement in the house giving the reasons for commuting death sentences would he also consider telling the house what consideration the government may have given to bringing in its own bill for the abolition of capital punishment?

**Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I believe the question raised by the

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hon. member covers a matter of government policy, and I am not in a position to answer at this time.

## FORESTRY

## REQUEST FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF FEDERAL POLICY

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Forestry. Can the minister inform the house when he will be in a position to make a statement on the comprehensive forestry policy which was recommended by the resources for tomorrow conference, and upon which his officials have been working for some time?

**Hon. Maurice Sauvé (Minister of Forestry):** Mr. Speaker, I discussed this subject during the last debate on the estimates of my department.

[Translation]

## EXPO '67

## REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON INAUGURATION PROGRAM

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Maurice Allard (Sherbrooke):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to put my question to the Acting Prime Minister (Mr. Martin).

Would the minister tell the house whether the government has received from the authorities of the World Exhibition the program for the inaugural day and would the minister repeat in this house the names of foreign personalities who are going to participate in this inauguration?

**Mr. Speaker:** I suggest to the hon. member that this question is not urgent and I ask the hon. member to place it on the order paper.

[English]

## VETERANS AFFAIRS

## INQUIRY AS TO GOVERNMENT ACTION RESPECTING HONG KONG VETERANS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. J. Chester MacRae (York-Sunbury):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs dealing with the report of the veterans affairs committee concerning the prisoners of the Japanese during world war II. Is the minister in a position to advise what action is being taken on the recommendations of the committee?