

[English]

## TRANSPORT

### DEFENCE OF CTC RAILWAY COSTING FORMULA

**Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. I directed this question to the minister a few days ago and he took it as notice. My question concerned the defence by the government of the Canadian Transport Commission's railway costing formula before the Supreme Court of Canada. Can the minister now advise the House what action the government is prepared to take to defend the Canadian Transport Commission's costing formula before the court?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, if my colleague the Minister of Justice were here he would be able to answer the question more specifically, but I understand that the necessary steps have been taken and that the Canadian government will be represented in a way which I feel will be acceptable to the hon. member and to the House.

## SPORTS

### PAN-AMERICAN GAMES—INQUIRY AS TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO WINNIPEG

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Finance. Is the minister now in a position to answer my questions and my letters regarding the request of the city of Winnipeg for assistance in connection with the deficit in respect of the Pan-American Games, in the same way as assistance was given to the city of Montreal in connection with the Expo deficit?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** I have the letter in my office and will try to deliver it to my hon. friend this afternoon or tomorrow.

## PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

### REQUEST FOR ORGANIZATION MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Government House Leader. Will he take whatever steps are necessary either to convene or have convened the organization meeting of the Public Accounts Committee not later than Thursday of this week?

21545—57½

## Company of Young Canadians Act

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, my understanding is that instructions in that regard have been given. I am not sure what the situation is at the moment but I will inquire and report back to the House.

## PUBLIC SERVICE

### DELAY IN ISSUING RETROACTIVE PAY CHEQUES

**Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Supply and Services. Would the minister make a statement on motions informing the House whether it is the hope of his department that the pay cheques for all public servants for the retroactive pay awarded up to six or nine months ago, and not yet paid, will be sent out before Christmas at least?

**Hon. James Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services):** Mr. Speaker, I have explained to the House on several occasions that the department is catching up very quickly. There has been a tremendous backlog of work. I should also point out that the Central Pay Office is right at the end of the pipeline—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The minister should not make a statement now. He was asked whether a statement would be made on motions.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** May I rephrase my question, Mr. Speaker. Would the minister, the next time he is to appear in the House, make a statement explaining the situation because members are receiving scores and scores of letters—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

● (3:20 p.m.)

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

### COMPANY OF YOUNG CANADIANS ACT

#### PROVISION FOR APPOINTMENT OF COMPTROLLER

The House resumed, from Monday, December 15, consideration of the motion of Mr. Pelletier that Bill C-171, to amend the Company of Young Canadians Act be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Orlikow (p. 1990).