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health research fund, that is in terms of shared capital costs and through the post-secondary education fund for operating costs. We have also, through national health grants, assisted many organizations in terms of developing auxiliary health personnel who can do much of the routine work that our doctors do. Through all these techniques, we think we are relieving the medical manpower shortage very considerably. There is no doubt that we need the help and co-operation of the provinces in terms of using these facilities on a year-round basis and co-operating with us in the development of auxiliary health personnel. We think we are getting that. If there is anything more the hon. member would like to see done, he can take it up with his own political sympathizers who are in power in the province of Ontario.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

An hon. Member: Take it easy.

Mr. Rynard: May I draw to the attention of the Minister of National Health and Welfare the fact that it was the government of which he was a member that brought in national medicare—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Rynard:—and they have responsibility—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe.

CANCER RESEARCH—CONSULTATION WITH PEOPLE
ENGAGED IN RESEARCH IN UNITED STATES

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): My question is supplementary to the previous one on cancer research. In view of the fact that the American government is spending \$1.6 billion on cancer research, would the Minister of National Health and Welfare advise the House what consultation there is between his department and the Americans on the progress they are making?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): I cannot answer that question in detail, Mr. Speaker, other than to advise the hon. member that our health officers are in constant liaison with their counterparts through attendance at various conferences in order to keep up with events.

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• (2:40 p.m.)

INCOME TAX

DATE OF PUBLICATION OF NEW REGULATIONS

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): My question is to the Minister of National Revenue. Can the minister advise the House how soon, after January 1 next, he is going to have completed the regulations pertaining to the administration of Bill C-259 or is the tax-paying public going to have to experience weeks and possibly months of indecision?

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Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I am not in the position today to give the information which the hon. member is seeking. We will certainly attempt to have the regulations available as soon as possible after the act is in force.

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Will the government have to wait until a further large batch of amendments are brought in next year by the Minister of Finance before the regulations are in force?

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

PROSPECTS FOR LEGISLATION RESULTING FROM
CONSULTATIONS

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): My question is to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. As a result of the information gleaned at the consultation conferences with Indian people a while ago and the decision of the government to bury the so-called white paper on Indian Affairs, is the minister, someone in his department or some draftsman in the Department of Justice, currently drafting amendments to the Indian Act around information they received from the Indian people about those changes that are needed?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, we have consulted with Indians as much as we could in the last three years, and we asked them to make precise recommendations regarding amendments to the Indian Act. Unfortunately, they have come up with very few such recommendations lately. But if they have any to submit, we shall be very happy to examine them and to amend the Indian Act accordingly.

[English]

Mr. Howard (Skeena): My question is not really supplementary. It is the original question to which the minister did not reply. As a result of those representations that have been made, and this extends over quite a period of time, is the minister, someone in his department or someone in the Department of Justice currently translating these representations into legislative changes to the Indian Act in anticipation of introducing something at the next session?

[Translation]

Mr. Chrétien: Following our first discussions with the Indians, many recommendations were made to them which they found unacceptable. With regard to specific problems, such as that of determining who belongs to a given band, I must say that opinions are about equally divided. It is rather difficult for me to decide for them. Still, should they want me to do so, I am quite willing to oblige.

[English]

Mr. Howard (Skeena): One further supplementary question.