

the hon. member will agree that other things such as symbols are also very important.

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[English]

#### CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

##### FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT MORE ADEQUATE FACILITIES IN TORONTO

**Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale-High Park):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State and Minister of Communications. It concerns the antiquated and scattered facilities of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in the city of Toronto.

Would the minister please indicate to the House and to the nation whether the government is considering an appropriate allocation of funds within its present financial program to permit the CBC to construct a single, modern facility in Toronto and when a decision on the project can be expected; and would he not also agree that the construction of such a centre would create many badly-needed construction jobs in metropolitan Toronto?

**Hon. David MacDonald (Secretary of State and Minister of Communications):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member well knows that the question of new and improved facilities for the CBC in Toronto has been a matter of concern to the corporation for many years. Of course, it is an issue of great expenditure, and I know the corporation is working toward eventually establishing such facilities. But I cannot indicate in more precise terms whether that is likely to happen with greater speed this year.

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[Translation]

#### FINANCE

##### INQUIRY WHETHER MINIMUM WAGE WILL BE INCREASED

**Mr. Jacques Olivier (Longueuil):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Labour, my question is addressed to the Minister of Finance. I would like to remind him that a few weeks ago, in answer to my question, he said he would help those persons who really need help in Canada. Therefore, I want to ask if he deliberately forgot to announce in his budget that he would raise the minimum wage, set at \$2.90. Can the minister tell us if he intends to raise this minimum wage, which is now set at \$2.90, or does he simply intend to go on making the rich richer and the poor even poorer by his decision to lay the burden of taxation on those who always end up paying, namely, the medium-income people.

[English]

**Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, the present minimum wage is one that was left with us by the last administration. I am sorry to hear that the hon. member is

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disgusted with it: he never expressed that view when he was a member of the other government.

**An hon. Member:** Of course he did.

**Mr. Crosbie:** This is an issue which is under review by the Minister of Labour. I am sure that he will bear every consideration in mind, including the callous disregard of the last government to do anything about it.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

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#### POINT OF ORDER

##### MR. REID—LEVEL OF LIGHTING IN CHAMBER

**Hon. John M. Reid (Kenora-Rainy River):** Mr. Speaker, as one of those who raised some concern about the light levels, I want to say that the experiment is a success, and I hope Your Honour will keep the light levels down as they are now.

**An hon. Member:** Perhaps it is a success over there, but not back in this corner.

**Mr. Speaker:** As I indicated to the House earlier, we are experimenting with a set of lights that are higher up which hopefully will produce the same illumination with less glare. We will try it for a short while.

**An hon. Member:** It does not improve the view.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I have notice of a question of privilege from the hon. member for Yorkton-Melville (Mr. Nystrom).

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to rise on a point of order with respect to business of the House.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is the hon. member for Cape Breton Highlands-Canso (Mr. MacEachen) seeking the floor on the regular Thursday question of House business?

**Mr. MacEachen:** Yes.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Yorkton-Melville has given me notice of a question of privilege which I gather does not arise out of the proceedings today but out of previous proceedings. Therefore, perhaps it is appropriate to recognize the regular Thursday point of order on House business first and then hear the hon. member for Yorkton-Melville.

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##### WEEKLY STATEMENT

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the President of the Privy Council what the business will be for the