

Inquiries of the Ministry

are not certain about the progress made toward ratification.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, I have every reason to believe that it will be a short delay and that the P.E.I. agreement will be signed in the near future.

[*English*]

LABOUR CONDITIONS**MEASURES TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): A few days ago, Mr. Speaker, I asked the Minister of Finance whether he would consider making a statement in the house, at his convenience with regard to employment conditions, particularly in certain parts of the country, and the answer then was that he would consider doing so. I wonder whether he has yet had ample opportunity to consider whether or not we can expect such a statement. Perhaps he can tell us when a statement is likely to be made.

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): I have considered the hon. gentleman's suggestion and discussed the matter with my colleague the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. No decision has been made on this point.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): My question is directed to the Minister of Transport. In view of the tremendous support the minister received in his bid for the leadership of his party, is he prepared to respond by giving support to the new Ontario Liberal candidate, Judy LaMarsh?

Mr. Hees: Smile.

[*Translation*]

HOUSING**SHOWING OF FILM IN FRENCH LANGUAGE**

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport.

Last Monday evening, in this building, the minister showed slides and films on the problem of housing. Everything was in English only. I would like to ask him whether he

[*Mr. Lundrigan.*]

would be willing to show those films and slides once again, with French comments, for the benefit of French-speaking members.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member—

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): I will show them in French a little later, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Fortin: Mr. Speaker, I am rising on a point of order. I would like the minister to assure us that the projection of those films and slides will be accompanied by comments in French, for the benefit of French-speaking members.

Mr. Speaker: I suggest to the hon. member that this presentation does not deal directly with the business of the house. Perhaps I am mistaken, but at all events, I would be glad to hear what the minister has to say.

Mr. Hellyer: As I said, Mr. Speaker, I hope to have the opportunity within a few weeks of presenting this in French.

[*English*]

INCOME TAX**COLLECTION OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX BEFORE APPROVAL**

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Finance supplementary to one that I put to him 12 days ago. Does the government intend to go on collecting the 2 per cent social development tax, even though the legislation has not been passed by parliament?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, this is the usual procedure with regard to changes in the income tax, as my hon. friend knows. If we can move forward with the business of the house very quickly—and I am sure he will help us—we will have this legislation brought forward so that it can be ratified by the house—as I am sure it will be because it is for the benefit of all Canadians.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): A supplementary question. Does the fact that this is the usual procedure of the Liberal government make it correct?

Mr. Benson: Mr. Speaker, it is not—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.