

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

the Naval Officers Association of Canada, what immediate steps can the government take to update to an adequate level the pension benefits of long service pensioners in Canada's fighting forces, and their wives and children?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** As acting minister, I will take note of the question and have an answer at the earliest possible opportunity.

**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE****GOVERNMENT POLICY RESPECTING MODIFICATION OF OPERATION**

**Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Labour. Has the minister under formulation a statement of government policy or intention with respect to modification of the operation of unemployment insurance, which he might be able to give to the house prior to the recess? Also, would it assist the minister in such formulation if I were to send him two documents with 40 pages of signatures from the people of Campbell River expressing their dissatisfaction?

**HOUSING****APPROVAL OF URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS**

**Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister without Portfolio in charge of housing. It arises from his statement to a committee of the other place that he will announce by mid-July whether certain urban renewal projects are to be approved. Does the minister intend to follow the selective anti-inflationary policy of the budget involving 22 cities in British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario in making his decisions?

**Mr. Speaker:** I suggest to the hon. member that the question as asked is argumentative. If he is seeking information, the question might be asked in other terms.

[Later:]

**Mr. McCleave:** Mr. Speaker, may I rephrase my question to the minister in charge of housing. Will the urban renewal programs now being examined by him be affected by the recent budget proposals?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio):** Mr. Speaker, I will not specifically exclude or include them, but I will want to look at all relevant factors in making my decision.

[Mrs. MacInnis.]

**FISHERIES****LOWER PRICES ON FRESHWATER CATCH**

**Mr. Rod Thomson (Battleford-Kindersley):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the absence of the Minister without Portfolio (Mr. Lang) from Saskatoon I direct my question to the Minister of Fisheries. What action is the government considering, in view of the lower prices being paid for fish in Alberta under the Freshwater Fish Marketing Act?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** Mr. Speaker, my information is that the prices are higher this year, rather than lower.

**TRADE****WHEAT—EFFORTS TO SELL TO ARGENTINA**

**Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the absence of the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce I direct this question to the Prime Minister. Is he aware that Argentina has oversold its available wheat and is now in the market to purchase over seven million bushels? Further, is Canada making an effort to sell this amount of wheat to Argentina?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I would be glad to take notice of this question on behalf of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

**FINANCE****REQUEST FOR GRANT BY BLACK UNITED FRONT**

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East):** Mr. Speaker, I direct this question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare or the Secretary of State. Is either gentleman in a position to advise the house what decision the government has arrived at respecting a grant to the Black United Front in Nova Scotia?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I would advise the hon. member that the matter is under consideration by the government at the present time.

**Mr. Forrestall:** Can the minister say whether a decision will be reached before the summer is over?

**Mr. Munro:** Hopefully before the summer is over, Mr. Speaker.