

## IMMIGRATION

## INQUIRY AS TO PRODUCTION OF WHITE PAPER

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the remarks he made earlier this week in this city regarding the removal of the discriminatory aspects of our current immigration laws, and the indication that sponsorship rights were to be available to all immigrants entering Canada, may I ask the minister when this house can expect to receive the white paper on immigration?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Tomorrow, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario):** I had intended to ask a similar question in connection with immigration. In view of the minister's remarks made last Saturday at a meeting in Toronto, remarks which brought forth strong protests, may I ask whether what is contained in this white paper will coincide with the statements the hon. gentleman has made?

**Mr. Marchand:** Neither in Toronto nor here in Ottawa did I reveal what is contained in the white paper. As a matter of fact I did not say more outside than I have said here in the house. For the rest, I think the hon. member can wait until tomorrow and check for himself.

**Hon. George Hees (Northumberland):** I should like to ask the minister whether as reported in the press this morning he discussed in detail the contents of this white paper which he intends to table in the house tomorrow.

**Mr. Marchand:** I never discussed the white paper in detail.

**Mr. Hees:** Then I take it that newspaper reports to the effect that this was discussed at the annual meeting of the Liberal party yesterday are completely wrong?

**Mr. Marchand:** My answer to that would be that I have discussed these matters in general terms; I merely repeated at the convention what I had already said here in the house concerning discrimination and sponsorship.

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HEALTH AND WELFARE

## MEDICARE—REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. W. M. Howe (Wellington-Huron):** I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the fact that the government has changed its plan to have medicare instituted by January, 1967, and postponed the date to January, 1968, will the government give consideration to referring this matter to a committee of the house in order that all those who are vitally interested may have an opportunity to be heard?

**Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** It is not the intention of the government to send the medical care bill to a committee for study. It is a very short bill and it speaks for itself. In my view it can properly be studied in committee of the whole.

**Mr. Eric A. Winkler (Grey-Bruce):** Inasmuch as the effective date for this legislation is to be 1968, I wonder whether the minister could tell us by what date we might expect legislation to provide increased payments for old age pensioners?

**Mr. MacEachen:** As I stated yesterday, we hope to bring in this legislation during the present session. The details of the legislation will be disclosed at that time.

**Mr. Winkler:** Does the minister not think this pension issue is more important than the medicare bill because of the revised date of application of the latter?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The question is argumentative.

[Translation]

**Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put the following supplementary question.

Since the bill on medicare will not, in any case, be enforced before July 1968, would the minister not consider the advisability of studying in the first place an increase of old age pensions in Canada?

[English]

**Mr. MacEachen:** It is my hope to have the medical care bill disposed of by the house before introducing any other legislation.