

would agree to this it would save some \$50,000 in having the book reprinted.

[Later:]

**Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** I have a supplementary question for the President of the Treasury Board who, in answer to a previous question, indicated that the government would save about \$50,000 by not reprinting the estimates. Could the President of the Treasury Board now indicate what the revisions will cost, so we might be aware of how wasteful this government has been?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

### LABOUR CONDITIONS

#### INQUIRY AS TO IMPLEMENTATION OF I.L.O. CONVENTIONS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. In view of his statement today listing the various conventions adopted at the last I.L.O. conference, and in view of the large number of I.L.O. conventions which have never been ratified by Canada, will the government be discussing actively with the provinces the possible early implementation of these latest conventions to which the minister has referred?

**Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, such discussions have already begun.

### NORTHERN AFFAIRS

#### REDUCTION IN BUDGET FOR NORTHERN HEALTH SERVICES

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Were the special health needs of the Indian and Eskimo population in northern Canada, where the infant mortality rate is four times the normal rate and the life expectation span of the Eskimo is 20.9 years, taken into consideration when the recent substantial reductions were made in the northern health service budget?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, all factors were considered.

### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Dinsdale:** As a supplementary question, is the money saved going to be diverted into the medicare program?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

### PUBLIC SERVICE

#### LEGISLATION TO INCREASE PENSIONS OF RETIRED CIVIL SERVANTS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. Is the federal government aware of the fact that the government of British Columbia has brought in legislation to increase the pensions of retired British Columbian civil servants? Will the federal government now do likewise?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of that fact but I will look into it. I am sure my hon. friend would not wish us to follow the example of the government of British Columbia in every respect.

### HARBOURS

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA—DEVELOPMENT OF PORT AT ROBERTS BANK

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Revelstoke):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. Since I note that the premier of British Columbia has proclaimed the British Columbia harbours board act because he is not convinced that Ottawa supports the Roberts Bank project, could the minister assure the house that the federal government will co-operate with the newly appointed provincial harbours board in the development of this port?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I think that question could be placed on the order paper.

### HUMAN RIGHTS

#### STUDY OF REPORT BY FORMER ONTARIO CHIEF JUSTICE

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. David Lewis (York South):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. Has he instructed officers of his department to study the comprehensive report on civil liberties which has just been prepared by the former chief justice of Ontario, Mr. McRuer, in order to see which recommendations might be implemented through the federal parliament?