

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE CHILD

SUGGESTED RECOGNITION BY ESTABLISHING CHILD-CARE
CENTRE ON PARLIAMENT HILL

Mrs. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Today is the International Day of the Child. As a symbol of this government's commitment to children, and to the urgent need across this country for more accessible and affordable child-care for all sectors of our population, will the minister establish a model seven-day a week child-care centre on Parliament Hill?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. David Crombie (Minister of National Health and Welfare): I thank the hon. member for her question and, indeed, her preamble with regard to the International Year of the Child.

As to the specific request regarding a day-care centre, I will be happy to take that under consideration and report to the hon. member.

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[Translation]

SOCIAL SECURITY

REQUEST THAT PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY OF FAMILY
ALLOWANCES BE MAINTAINED

Hon. Monique Bégin (Saint-Léonard-Anjou): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a supplementary question.

Following the excellent proposal made by my colleague from the other party in connection with the celebration of this famous Day of the Child, could we ask the Minister of National Health and Welfare if he is in favour of universal family allowances for all the little Canadians?

[English]

Hon. David Crombie (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, universal family allowances have served this country very well for a long time. When the hon. member occupied my position, she went through a number of models and options with respect to its use and brought in the child tax credit, a move that I applauded. She may therefore understand that I have been doing exactly the same thing in trying to deal with the child tax credit because I believed that was a good move on her part.

Oral Questions

[Translation]

LOTO CANADA

INQUIRY WHETHER DISTRIBUTORS WILL SUE FOR BREACH OF
CONTRACT

Mr. Irénée Pelletier (Sherbrooke): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport.

Could the minister tell the House whether or not Loto Canada ticket wholesalers have just sued Loto Canada for \$10 million because the new government has decided to dismantle the corporation and by so doing has not respected the contracts it had signed with them?

[English]

Hon. Steven E. Paproski (Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport and Multiculturalism): Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that no legal action has been taken by any wholesalers as far as my department is concerned.

[Translation]

INQUIRY WHETHER PROVINCES WILL ASSUME SHARE OF
POSSIBLE DAMAGES

Mr. Irénée Pelletier (Sherbrooke): A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

Since the minister has transferred Loto Canada to the provinces, can he tell the House if it is true that he will follow the fashion started by the new government and invite the provinces to participate in the payment of the sum which will be equitably distributed to the provinces?

[English]

Hon. Steven E. Paproski (Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport and Multiculturalism): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPMENT OF MINE IN CAPE
BRETON

Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the President of the Treasury Board. The former government committed \$10 million toward the initial cost of the development of the Prince mine. To date, this money has not been given to the Cape Breton Development Corporation; in fact, the Cape Breton Development Corporation has had to spend \$4,700,000 of its own funds to do this work. When is Treasury Board going to pay this money which was promised to the Cape Breton Development Corporation?

Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): If I might answer the hon. member's question, Mr. Speaker—which is a very relevant and good one—the answer is simply this: Treasury Board and the cabinet are