

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, I suggest that if the minister checks in Washington he will find out that what I say is true.

POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISCUSSIONS WITH
UNITED STATES ON CANADIAN EXEMPTION FROM
INTEREST EQUALIZATION TAX AND AUTO PACT
NEGOTIATIONS

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question.

Have there been discussions with the United States government in regard to Canada's present exemption from the interest equalization tax, and are these discussions connected with the discussions on the auto pact?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, this question should be addressed to the Minister of Finance when he is in the House.

FOREIGN INVESTMENT—ANNOUNCEMENT OF POLICY
BEFORE VISIT OF PRESIDENT NIXON TO OTTAWA

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the Prime Minister. Can the right hon. gentleman say whether or not the government's policy on foreign ownership will be made public before the visit of the President of the United States to this country in April?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I cannot say for sure, Mr. Speaker.

RELATIONSHIP OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITH UNITED
STATES TO DISCUSSIONS ON CLEANING UP GREAT
LAKES

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, I have a further supplementary question for the Prime Minister which is related to the question of foreign investment and cleaning up of the Great Lakes. Have there been any discussions with regard to cleaning up the Great Lakes as related to the whole question of Canada-United States relations and the trade pact?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions on the subject of Canada-United States relations, but is the hon. member speaking of the auto pact? What trade pact is he referring to?

Mr. Aiken: May I ask the Prime Minister whether the auto pact and other trade matters are directly related to the discussions concerning the clean-up of the Great Lakes?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I see no possible relation between them.

Mr. Hees: A further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. May I ask the Prime Minister whether he has finished reading the book that took up so much of his time and interest yesterday afternoon?

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Trudeau: It was a very good book.

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AGRICULTURE

FEED GRAIN—REPRESENTATIONS OF QUEBEC
AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATIONS RESPECTING SUPPLY

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Agriculture, I wish to direct my question to the right hon. Prime Minister, since he has already met with the leaders of the organizations which I will refer to in my question.

In view of the fact that the Minister of Agriculture has received this week representations from the Federated Co-operatives of Quebec, the Catholic Farmers Union and the Millers Association, who are asking the government to take a position as soon as possible on the unfair treatment suffered by the Quebec producers in terms of their feed grain supplies, I would like to ask the Prime Minister whether he intends to react favourably to those representations.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will gladly relay the question to the Minister of Agriculture.

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AIRPORTS

RESPONSE TO OBJECTIONS TO SITE FOR NEW FACILITY
IN PICKERING TOWNSHIP—REQUEST FOR LIST OF
LOCATIONS CONSIDERED

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport and relates to what is regarded by the people of Pickering Township as the ravishment of their area without an opportunity to them of making effective criticisms and representations against the taking over of the area for the proposed airport. The other day I asked whether the minister would file a list of the 50 or so areas—I do not know the exact number—that were given consideration, without, of course, attaching the reasons why each and every one was not accepted. I wonder whether he is prepared to do that now. Would the minister also state, in view of the almost unanimous feeling of the people in Pickering Township that this airport should not be proceeded with, whether the objections they are making at public meetings and otherwise will receive full consideration by the government?

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Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I can repeat the assurance I gave to the right hon. member a few days ago that any representations, whether they be made directly to me or through the hearing officers on the expropriation procedure, will certainly be given every consideration. I might remind the House