

*Oral Questions*

[English]

COPY OF CORRESPONDENCE OVER LAST THREE YEARS  
RELATING TO DRUG ADVERTISINGMotion No. 239—**Mr. Orlikow:**

That an Order of the House to issue for a copy of all correspondence between individual doctors and/or provincial or federal medical organizations and the Minister of National Health and Welfare and/or officials of his Department, related to drug advertising in the past three years.

**Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, this motion is not acceptable to the government in that the material requested is of a voluminous character and would require an inordinate cost and length of time to prepare. I would therefore ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is the motion dropped? Dropped.  
Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall the remaining notices of motions stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

● (1450)

## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

## ENERGY

INQUIRY WHETHER NATIONAL EMERGENCY EXISTS  
WITHIN TERMS OF BILL C-236

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Is it the position of the minister that there now exists a national emergency within the meaning of clause 11 of Bill C-236, relating to the mandatory allocation of oil supplies in Canada?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I do not know if I can comment on a bill which is now before a committee.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** As I indicated to the committee, we anticipate that there is a possibility of an emergency occurring during the course of the current winter.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the minister to answer my question whether it is the position of the minister that a national emergency now exists within the meaning of that section?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, certainly grievous difficulty is being caused in many parts of the country by the shortage of supplies which, in the absence of this legislation, the government is not in a position to correct.

[Mr. Speaker.]

**Mr. Stanfield:** As the bill provides powers to the government for mandatory allocation only in the event of a national emergency, and since the minister is not prepared to say there is a national emergency, how does he propose to deal with these particular cases of shortage, for example, of bunker fuel in the instance of British Columbia, since there is nothing in this bill anyway which would give the minister power, short of a declaration of an emergency which the minister is not prepared to say exists?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the recognition, however belated, of the Leader of the Opposition that the procrastination of himself and his colleagues has been causing serious harm to various parts of Canada, particularly the lower mainland of British Columbia.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. The minister chose to level an accusation at me instead of answering my question.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. May we have order, please.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I assert that the minister is not prepared to say that there is a state of national emergency within the meaning of the bill, that there are no powers within the bill short of a declaration of such emergency, and I want to know, sir, how in those circumstances the minister proposes to deal with these important but local difficulties when the minister is not prepared to say that conditions exist which will enable him to invoke these powers.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, I see a guilty conscience showing there. The bill provides for the creation of an energy supplies allocation board which will have the specific responsibility of examining the situation as it exists in the country and advising the government. My first step, once given the authority, would be to constitute the board and ask it to make an up to date report on all complaints received from hon. members opposite, including the hon. member for Kent-Essex and the hon. member for Carleton-Charlotte, to see whether in fact such a declaration should be made.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Chair will recognize the Leader of the Opposition, then try to complete the first round of questioning, and then return to this important and interesting subject for supplementaries.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Mr. Speaker, I just want to say—

Some hon. Members: Question!

**Mr. Speaker:** May we have order, please!

**Mr. Hees:** Quiet, you barbarians!