

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member should know that the government's position is indicated in a white paper introduced almost one year ago at a federal-provincial conference.

I am convinced the opposition will approve our position as soon as they have the opportunity to read that white paper.

Mr. Asselin: Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a supplementary question to the right hon. Prime Minister.

Is it the intention of the government to delay the implementation of the recommendations in the white paper on income security until more thorough discussions can take place between the federal government and the Quebec government in this regard?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, that depends on the part of the white paper that is concerned. Most recommendations will be implemented only in a few months, after the introduction of bills that will be discussed in this House. If the members of the hon. member's party wish to delay the payment of the supplement to be paid to older people, they have but one thing to do—vote against the proposed measures.

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INFORMATION CANADA

AVAILABILITY OF ALLEGED DIGEST OF RESPONSES TO GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the minister in charge of Information Canada. It is with respect to the digest of responses to government announcements about which I asked him a question on November 10. Can the minister say when the first report will be ready? Will he also assure the House that all responses on the matter of the Auditor General, both favourable, if there are any, and unfavourable, will be made available to Parliament?

Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, I do not know anything about the digest which the hon. member has invented.

Mr. Bell: Does the minister not know that in his department they are making a big play about this so-called digest?

Mr. Stanbury: I know that we are not, Mr. Speaker.

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COMBINES

CURTALMENT OF RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Mr. Allen B. Sulatycky (Rocky Mountain): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Can the minister tell the House what consideration, if any, has been given to the methods whereby the restrictive practices of professional bodies, such as the dental, legal and medical societies, can be

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curtailed so that the opportunity to receive professional services at reasonable cost will be available to all Canadians no matter where they may live?

An hon. Member: That applies especially to lawyers.

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the Economic Council of Canada, in its report on competition policy, recommended that services, including those of professional groups, be included within the Combines Investigation Act. The recommendations of the Economic Council are in front of the government in preparing revisions of the Combines Investigation Act.

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AIR TRANSPORT

EQUIPMENT OF AIRPORTS WITH GLIDE SLOPE ELECTRONIC SYSTEM FOR BLIND LANDINGS

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. In view of growing public concern after many airline catastrophes, can the minister assure the House that all airports in Canada serving scheduled airlines have the glide slope electronic system, or its equivalent, for blind landings in bad weather?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, obviously this is the kind of question which requires a written answer. I can assure the hon. member I have been told that by world standards our system is certainly as good as or better than most. If the hon. member would like me to furnish a written answer about the specifics of what is available, I will be glad to provide that for him.

Mr. Ryan: Please do.

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FINANCE

PROFITS OF CHARTERED BANKS

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. In view of the announcement by the Royal Bank yesterday of a 10.1 per cent increase in its profits, would the minister make a statement on motions with regard to the profits of the banks and deal especially with the increase in profits of the Royal Bank, which was 10.1 per cent, that of the Toronto-Dominion Bank, which was 15.7 per cent—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member should not give information. He has asked his question.

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I think the banks publicly indicate what their own profits are and it is not necessary for me to indicate on motions what they are. My hon. friend obviously knows what the profits are.