

[English]

HIGHWAYS

RECOMMENDATION THAT STANDING COMMITTEE ACT AS NATIONAL PROTECTIVE BODY ON SAFETY

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey): Mr. Speaker, I had a question for the Minister of Transport but in his absence perhaps his Parliamentary Secretary could answer it. Having in mind the recommendation of the Engineering Institute of Canada this week that a standing committee of the House of Commons become, in effect, a national protective body on all matters of highway safety, would the minister consider encouraging such a step?

Mr. Gérard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): I will take the question as notice, Mr. Speaker.

AGRICULTURE

DAIRYING—AMOUNT OF SUBSIDY ON MANUFACTURING MILK

Mr. R. E. McKinley (Huron): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Parliamentary Secretary, in the absence of the Minister of Agriculture, seeking further clarification of the dairy policy for the coming year as announced on Monday by the minister. The minister announced that the subsidy on manufactured milk will be maintained at the same level as this year, namely \$1.25 per hundredweight. Does this mean that \$125 million will be available if needed, which is the same amount as last year, rather than \$10 million less, as was announced some time ago?

[Translation]

Mr. Florian Côté (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture): It is very difficult to know, Mr. Speaker, what the requirements of the Canadian Dairy Commission will be as the farmers associations are negotiating an agreement between themselves at the present time with a view to bringing all producers of industrial as well as fluid milk to contribute to the setting of marketing rates or marketing prices. Once these plans have been submitted to the government, we will be in a better position to know what marketing will cost.

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): I wish to ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Joliette has the floor.

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. La Salle: Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture if he can tell the House quite clearly, in the interest of the dairy producers, whether or not the \$10 million subsidy will still be granted. I think it is important that this question be answered in the House, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Côté (Richelieu): Mr. Speaker, I can only give the same answer. The announcement made by the Minister of Agriculture was based on one of the recommendations made by the Standing Committee on Agriculture. The hon. member for Joliette and my colleague who asked a question a moment ago, moved in the Committee on Agriculture that the price be maintained at \$1.25.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Halifax-East Hants.

POST OFFICE

GOLDENBERG REPORT ON MONTREAL DISPUTE

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Acting Postmaster General. Can the hon. gentleman indicate whether the Goldenberg report on the Montreal postal dispute has been received and, if so, what is its nature? Second, what action will be taken to continue postal service in Montreal beyond the end of the month?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, this report will be made to me as Prime Minister. I have spoken to Dr. Goldenberg. I understand his report is ready and that it will be delivered to me later today.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

ESTABLISHMENT OF ARCTIC COMMAND POST

Mr. Rod Thomson (Battleford-Kindersley): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Defence. In view of reports that the minister will personally tour the Arctic during the recess to check locations for a national defence command post there, will he say whether the preliminary studies have been completed in this matter and only his final approval remains?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, first of all I should like to correct the hon. member: it is not during the recess but after the recess, from