

Inquiries of the Ministry

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, as one of our new year projects we do have to announce a policy regarding the domestic control of the economic environment, and the hon. member will find the answer to that question when we make that announcement.

PRICE AND WAGE CONTROL—POSSIBILITY OF IMPOSITION

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Prime Minister. Does the government have price and wage control measures ready to enact, if it decides to do so?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, we have been stating for more than a year that we would look into the possibility of price and wage controls as a contingency measure. They are still there, if we do have to use them. I hope if we ever do, we will have the support of members on both sides of this House.

Mr. Ryan: Mr. Speaker, do I take it that the Prime Minister is saying yes to my question, and that the government has such measures prepared and ready?

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PRICES AND INCOMES COMMISSION

REPORT ON CAUSES AND EFFECTS OF INFLATION—DATE OF PUBLICATION

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a further supplementary question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Would the minister advise the House when the report of the Prices and Incomes Commission on its studies into inflation, its causes and effects, will be made available, since the minister assured the House it would be available in the near future?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I am advised it will be early in the new year.

TERMINATION DATE—POSSIBLE CHANGE IN TERMS OF REFERENCE

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Could the minister tell the House what is the temporal mandate of the Prices and Incomes Commission?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): What is the temporal what? I am sorry, I don't understand the question.

Mr. Lundrigan: Then, perhaps I may rephrase my question. Could the minister tell us in a nutshell whether, in fact, the Prices and Incomes Commission is empowered to carry on for the duration of 1972, and whether it has any broader terms of reference than were originally given?

Mr. Basford: No, Mr. Speaker. Its terms of reference are spelled out in the various orders in council that appointed

[Mr. Saltzman.]

and reappointed it. Its present existence continues into the middle of next year.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

RESOURCE INDUSTRIES—MEASURES TO MAKE MORE ATTRACTIVE TO DOMESTIC CAPITAL

Mr. William Knight (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister. In view of the prediction by OECD that foreign capital will continue to be attracted by the opportunities in our natural resource industries, would the Prime Minister tell the House whether or not the government intends to take steps that would make our resource industries less attractive to foreign capital and more attractive to domestic capital?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Well, Mr. Speaker, we are trying to make them attractive to domestic capital by actions we have already taken, for instance, in the income tax reform. However, we do not see that the resource industries themselves, the resources, will be less attractive to foreign capital, but we hope to make sure that Canadian capital has priority in investments.

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AIR TRANSPORT

HIJACKING—ALLEGED FAILURE TO TAKE PREVENTIVE MEASURES AT AIRPORTS—CO-OPERATION WITH AIR LINE PILOTS ASSOCIATION

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. In view of the promise that additional security measures would be installed at air terminals, and in view of the fact that there are no physical signs evident of such installations, can the minister say why such installations have not been installed since representations to that end were made to him as far back as February, 1971, almost a year ago?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I have gone through this exercise on several occasions in the House and it is obvious that my capacity to communicate has been somewhat less than complete. I have indicated before that a number of such devices have been in use from time to time at various airports throughout Canada. The signs concerning security installations refer to personal checking, and when such a sign is in place it does not necessarily mean that both the personal check and the automatic check will be carried out. That is perhaps the reason the hon. member is asking for this explanation.

Mr. Skoberg: As a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, in view of the statement made by the Minister on November 18 in answer to a question put by the hon. member for St. John's East that such installations were then on order, and in view of his further statement that the department had agreed to pay for them so that the burden of the cost would not be borne by the airlines, and in view of the fact that there is a clear indication that