

Oral Questions

Act as regards the tabling of reports in the House is complied with, while ensuring of course that no prejudice is caused to the company referred to in the report?

[*English*]

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, our objective has been to attempt to get the report translated and available for publication as quickly as possible and we will certainly try to do that. I think that speculation about its content in the meantime can be a danger and we will see whether we can do anything to guard against those dangers.

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BROADCASTING**PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF ADVERTISING OF
NON-PRESCRIPTION SLEEPING AIDS—GOVERNMENT POSITION**

Mr. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Acting Minister of Communications. In view of the fact that evidence has been coming forward that non-prescription sleeping aids may be ineffective and potentially harmful, and in view of the fact that the Federal Trade Commission in the United States plans to issue regulations prohibiting false advertising of non-prescription sleeping aids, could the minister advise the House whether similar restrictions will be placed on advertising such preparations by this government or if it has plans to review this whole area?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Acting Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, it seems to me at the very least that my colleagues in the Department of National Health and Welfare and the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs would be more involved than the Department of Communications, but I will see to it that the representations come to their attention.

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FINANCE**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF BUDGETARY AND CASH
DEFICITS FOR THIS YEAR**

Mr. Sinclair Stevens (York-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, a question for the Minister of Finance. In view of restraint in government spending being such an important part of any anti-inflationary program, and in view of the minister's references to the June 23 budget as being the basis of the current fiscal stance of the government, would the minister indicate if the budgetary deficit of \$3.2 billion and the cash deficit of approximately \$5 billion still holds or is a larger deficit on a budgetary and cash basis anticipated?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I am not proposing to make any statement on these figures at this time.

Mr. Baldwin: I bet you are not.

[Mr. Corbin.]

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**GOVERNMENT POSITION ON IMPOSITION OF PRICE FREEZE**

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, my question is also for the Minister of Finance. In a speech in Vancouver yesterday Mrs. Plumptre proffered what she called a well deserved compliment to the Premier of that province for his imposition of a price freeze, saying that he deserved compliments for his courage and statesmanship in taking these two steps. Has Mrs. Plumptre or the board made any recommendation to the government with respect to the imposition of a price freeze at the federal level and if not, is it the government's intention to impose such a freeze?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance): We have had no such representation, Mr. Speaker, and it is not our intention to do so.

**GOVERNMENT POSITION ON IMPOSITION OF PRICE FREEZE IN
YUKON AND NORTHWEST TERRITORIES**

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development in his capacity as the Czar of the Yukon and Northwest Territories. Does the minister intend to cause the price freeze to be imposed in the two northern territories?

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Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I regret that I did not hear the first question and am not sure whether the hon. member was referring to government economic action. I have discussed with both commissioners the implementation of the guidelines with respect to territorial governmental operations and am awaiting their responses.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*English*]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Maurice Foster (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 974, 3,133 and 3,159. I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

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POWER CORPORATION

Question No. 974—**Mr. Rodriguez:**

1. Does Power Corporation have any direct or indirect interest in exploration, importation, sale or transmission of any energy resource and, if so, what aspects and what resources?

2. Does the Deputy Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources have a direct or indirect interest by trust, family, or corporate device in Power Corporation or in any corporation providing capital of any kind in these areas and, if so, what is the nature of his holdings?