

*Oral Questions*

**Mr. Korchinski:** Does the minister expect the board to make recommendations immediately or will he be content to wait for several months?

**Mr. Gray:** I will be happy to see the board produce reports as soon as it feels it is able to do so.

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**AGRICULTURE****STOPPING AT BORDER OF TRUCKS CARRYING U.S. SOYBEANS FOR CANADIAN MILLS TO FULFIL PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS—REQUEST FOR REPRESENTATIONS**

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the fact that trucks carrying American soybeans to Canadian mills are now being stopped at the American border, although these supplies have been contracted for by previous orders, has the Minister of Agriculture contacted the appropriate United States officials to ask them to honour previous commitments made to Canadian mills?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** Checking with the United States authorities, we find they have stopped all shipments of soybeans and soybean byproducts from that country. They are reviewing the whole structure of these shipments, finding out where they are going and so on. They may allocate shipments next week. We do not know for sure what they are going to do. We are waiting to see what they are going to do in their country as a result of their studies and the necessary procedures they have to follow to guarantee that their producers are looked after.

**Mr. Nystrom:** In view of the fact they are stopping trucks carrying soybeans contracted for under previous commitments, has the minister contacted United States authorities to insist that this is not proper procedure? Has he protested the procedure?

**Mr. Whelan:** We have discussed practically everything with them, Mr. Speaker.

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**ENERGY****SURVEY BY STATISTICS CANADA OF PUBLICATION PROGRAM FOR STUDY**

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister relating to the other questions asked about an energy policy. In light of the rather extraordinary comment in the secret information program that Statistics Canada will be asked to do a survey as to the value of the propaganda effort on behalf of the minister and the Liberal government, will the Prime Minister communicate with the minister to put an end to this improper use of taxpayers' money and ensure that if such an evaluation is made it is done at the expense of the National Liberal party and not out of taxpayers' money?

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

[Mr. Gray.]

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I will certainly look into the matter but my suspicion is that it is the substance of the question which is improper rather than the practice referred to.

**SUGGESTED AMENDMENT OF TAX LEGISLATION SO CANADIANS WILL HAVE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST IN INDUSTRY**

**Mr. Harvie Andre (Calgary Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. In view of the discussion concerning foreign ownership and control in the government's energy analysis, and in view of the fact that regardless of the amount of exports in this field energy industries will experience rapid growth in the next few years, may I ask whether the minister has asked his colleague, the Minister of Finance, to amend the tax law so that Canadians will have an opportunity to participate and invest in the energy industry on at least an equal basis with investors from other countries?

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** The hon. gentleman is seeking a particularly favourable tax regime for investors in the petroleum industry. I must say that the present taxation system is certainly very favourable to this type of investment, and it would be unfair to other industries in Canada to give a special advantage here. I think any arrangement with regard to the petroleum industry would have to be dealt with within the general laws concerning foreign investment in Canada.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Andre:** In view of the fact that nationals of other countries can invest or, in other words, drill wells in Canada at a cheaper rate than Canadians, will the minister reconsider his answer, look into the tax law and recommend amendments that will give Canadians an equal opportunity—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member is making a representation.

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**COMMUNICATIONS****INQUIRY AS TO LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH NEW REGULATORY BODY—POSSIBLE DEFERMENT OF BELL CANADA RATE INCREASE APPLICATION B UNTIL CREATED**

**Mr. Terry Grier (Toronto-Lakeshore):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Communications. It arises from the fact that Bell Canada's application B calling for further rate increases in 1974 will require to be considered in the near future. Can the minister tell the House when the government plans to introduce legislation to establish a new and improved regulatory body, the need for which is referred to in his green paper, and is it the intention of the government that this application B should be consid-