

Manitoba, I wonder whether the government would immediately initiate an egg buying program under the farm products act?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, we have initiated a program of this kind and it is hoped to have the call for tenders ready this week.

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#### CONSUMER AFFAIRS

##### OIL COMPANY PRICE INCREASES—GOVERNMENT ACTION TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH RESTRAINTS

**Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs which I asked yesterday of the Prime Minister who said he would take it as notice and that the minister would reply today. In view of the report handed to the government some time ago by the Prices and Income Commission to the effect that four major Canadian oil companies are in violation of the government's price restraint program, is it the intention of the government to take steps in the near future to require these companies to comply with these price restraints?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the report dealt with violations of the pricing criteria for 1970 and, as I indicated in the House the other day, we are examining a number of alternatives in light of the commission's report. I may say to the hon. member that it is somewhat difficult, of course, as I have explained, to deal with policies in respect of only four oil companies rather than the industry as a whole.

**Mr. Hees:** I have a supplementary, Mr. Speaker. I have asked the minister if the government is planning to take steps to require these four companies to comply with the government's restraint program—yes or no?

**Mr. Basford:** Mr. Speaker, the report to which the hon. member refers related to 1970, not 1971, and so the question he puts is not entirely in order. We are endeavouring, however, to see, in light of the report, what could be and should be done. If there is an announcement it will, of course, be made in the usual way.

**Mr. Hees:** Mr. Speaker, is it not apparent from the minister's answer why the minister has become the worst minister in the government within a very short space of time?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

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#### SHIPPING

##### ACTION TO IMPLEMENT REPORT ON COASTING TRADE

**Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. In view

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of the urgent need for immediate and long-term opportunities for employment by Canadian seamen, can the minister tell the House what government action we can expect to flow from the recommendations of the Darling commission on the coasting trade?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I answered a somewhat similar question the other day. The tabling of the report and the publicizing of it were designed to generate as much comment as possible from interested parties. I think it is fair to give a reasonable length of time so that the various interests can make their views known on the report. Just as soon as we have these views, government policy will be formulated along these lines. I would hesitate to give a time frame, but perhaps by the autumn of this year might be a reasonable expectation.

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#### FINANCE

##### SOFT LOANS TO THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES—EFFECT OF DELAY IN PASSAGE OF UNITED STATES FOREIGN AID BILL ON CANADIAN PLEDGE

**Mr. P. M. Mahoney (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to reply to the question raised last Friday by the hon. member for Fundy-Royal relating to the financing of the International Development Association. The government is aware of the delay being encountered by the United States administration in obtaining Congressional approval for its contribution to the third replenishment. This may have the unfortunate consequence that the agreement will not become effective on July 1, 1971 as originally envisaged. In order to avoid an interruption in IDA lending activity, the Minister of Finance has informed Mr. McNamara that Canada would be prepared to make available its first payment of \$50 million in United States funds in November, 1971, even if the agreement is not yet in effect. This offer is contingent upon parliamentary approval of the estimates now before the House. The government has expressed its expectation that a number of other donor countries would follow Canada's initiative in this matter.

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#### AIRPORTS

##### PROGRESS OF PLANNING FOR NEW TORONTO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT—COST-SHARING ARRANGEMENTS WITH PROVINCES

**Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent-Essex):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. In view of the understandable concern in Ontario that there may be some undue delay in respect of the development of the new international airport at Toronto, can the minister say whether the progress of planning is normal and satisfactory or indicate if there is any reason for the delay?