

FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW BOARD

PROPOSED REFERENCE OF ANNUAL REPORT TO COMMITTEE— GOVERNMENT POSITION

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Last week I asked him whether he was prepared to consult with the House leader and refer the annual report of the Foreign Investment Review Board, for consideration by the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs. Is the minister in a position to answer that question today?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): I am, to the extent that I have discussed with the House leader the business to be conducted before, hopefully, we rise on December 19. I think it was generally concluded we would not be able to deal with the matter of the report before that time, but I will be glad to ensure it is referred to the committee in the New Year as appears to be sensible and appropriate.

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HIGHWAY SAFETY

SUGGESTED SURVEY TO IDENTIFY HIGHWAY KILLER STRIPS— GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether in view of the war on crime and accidents in general, he would consider the 6,000 people who were killed on the highways of Canada last year and the 160,000 who were maimed or crippled for life, and advise us whether a survey might be made to identify the killer strips which account for most of these accidents in Canada.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I think the question has a great deal of merit but I am not sure whether such a survey could be conducted by the federal government even under the umbrella of the war on crime. I will certainly discuss the suggestion with my colleagues and see whether there is something the federal government could be doing. If not, perhaps it is a suggestion which the provinces will co-operate in implementing.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM—APPLICABILITY OF QUEBEC BILL 64 TO MARKETING BOARDS

Mr. Serge Joyal (Maisonneuve-Rosemont): Mr. Speaker, I want to put a question to the Minister of Finance.

Can the minister tell the House if he has been able to check with the government of Quebec whether Bill 64 makes the marketing boards of that province subject to the guidelines and, if so, does he intend to make representations to the government of Quebec?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, as I just said, tomorrow we shall urge the provin-

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cial governments to set their own control over the boards, much as we propose to control federal boards.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

DELAY IN PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS BY CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE—REQUEST FOR REPORT

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Claude Wagner (Saint-Hyacinthe): I thank hon. members on both sides of the chamber for their good wishes. My question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs and is on the very important question of France-Canada relations. Could the minister advise the House of the latest progress concerning the cooling of heels by our ambassador to Paris; and would he also add whether we should expect, as a result of the forthcoming visit to Paris of our very responsive Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, that the disgraceful situation will be settled once and for all?

● (1440)

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I would want to assure the hon. member that there is no disgraceful situation. The Canadian ambassador to the French government has not yet presented his credentials. The proposed date for the presentation of credentials by Mr. Pelletier was postponed, as it was in the case of several other ambassadors who were expected to present their credentials on the same day, at the request of the President because of administrative responsibilities both within and outside France. I would ask the hon. gentleman not to draw any unwarranted conclusions from this postponement, which is quite normal in the circumstances.

Mr. Wagner: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the minister kindly advise the House whether the credentials will be presented prior to a settlement of the postal strike?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

POSSIBILITY OF DISCUSSIONS WITH UNITED STATES ON BROADCASTING POLICY AND DELETION OF CABLEVISION COMMERCIALS

Mr. Jim Balfour (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has the minister received a request for government to government talks with the United States concerning Canadian broadcasting policy in general and the commercial deletion policy of the CRTC specifically?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of Dr. Kissinger's visit to Ottawa some weeks ago the deletion policy was discussed. At that time it was agreed that talks between Canadian and United States officials would be