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have to make what amounts to a subjective test before suggesting that in one case there has been a marriage of convenience specifically for the purpose of defeating the provisions of the Immigration Act, and that in another there has not.

We are looking at this matter, endeavouring to take the more obvious cases and pursuing them. I suspect there are many cases where people are getting married for compensation, and subsequently those marriages are annulled or appropriate action is taken. Within the limits of our ability we must try to determine which are marriages of convenience, using evidence we have or evidence we can secure.

Mr. Epp: Mr. Speaker, in view of the minister's answer, namely, that this is of growing concern to his department, I ask the minister if he or his officials have been in contact with York county officials or York county judges who have expressed concern that the number of divorce actions before them indicates that this trend is increasing very rapidly. Has the minister in fact had such discussions?

Could the minister indicate whether manpower will be increased or whether manpower will be shifted into those areas where we might avoid as much as possible marriages of convenience? At the present time it is creating a backlash for the bona fide immigrants coming to this country who are making a valid contribution. I am sure no member of this House wants to see the problem develop any further.

Mr. Cullen: Mr. Speaker, obviously any marriage of convenience causes a backlash which works to the detriment of bona fide marriages that take place. Personally, I have not had representations from the judges, as the hon. member suggests. I would think that the officers who are doing this kind of investigation, where they have some suspicion would be doing a follow-up and culling the records to determine just what is taking place and whether the same name, for example, appears on more than one occasion. If that specific action is not being taken, I have heard the hon. member's representation and I will make it to my officers.

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INDUSTRY**CANADA-U.S. AUTO PACT—MEASURES TO ENSURE CANADA RECEIVES FULL BENEFITS**

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister about the Canada-U.S. auto pact because that treaty was originally signed by the then prime minister and the president of the United States. In that treaty it states that early achievement was sought, and I quote briefly, for "the development of conditions in which market forces may operate effectively to attain the most economic pattern of investment production and trade".

The two countries agreed, further, that "it shall be the policy of each government to avoid actions that would frustrate" the achievement of this and the other objectives of the agreement. Therefore, the bidding contest which the Minister

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of Industry, Trade and Commerce said is going on in the United States, in which cities and states there are offering excessive incentives to get automotive plants to locate in them rather than in Canada, appears to be contrary to that agreement.

Therefore, will the government move immediately to have the United States government bring this conduct in that country into line with the agreement; and will the Canadian government, if necessary, take appropriate measures which are open to it to deal with this situation, as well as generally, to ensure that Canada gets and keeps its fair share of automotive employment, investment and production?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member will remember that at the first ministers' conference the federal government took the position that certain initiatives were being taken in order to bring about an expansion of the automotive industry in some of Canada's provinces. That, indeed, was registered in the memorandum of agreement at that conference.

In so far as specific representations made to the United States administration are concerned, I would have to take notice of the question and perhaps refer to my colleague, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, or to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. I am not aware of any recent developments in the negotiations.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**SOUTHERN LEBANON—CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN PEACEKEEPING FORCE**

Mr. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. The government has now committed Canada to providing a communications network for a peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon. Despite the fact that the UN mandate fails to satisfy five of the eight criteria set out by the former secretary of state for external affairs, is the Prime Minister satisfied with the wisdom of committing Canadian forces when the majority of the criteria and safeguards have not been met?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, obviously, we have certain concerns about the operation of UNIFIL and that is why the Secretary of State for External Affairs flew to New York to discuss the military and political situation and the conditions under which the communications unit would be supplied by the Canadian government.

We are satisfied that we are doing this in the service of peace in the Middle East. I would be astonished if we did not have the support of the opposition, because the hon. member will recall that his own leader moved a motion in this House, even before these guarantees were obtained, that we should indeed participate in this peacekeeping operation.