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with regard to whether there are financial considerations. There are none.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I should like to remind hon. members that we have only two or three minutes before the end of the question period. Therefore I ask the co-operation of hon. members in asking short questions and making short replies.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

NEWSPRINT—INVESTIGATION INTO PRICING POLICIES

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, last Thursday I asked the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs whether he had been informed that an investigation had been made by the United States Department of Justice into the paper industry. The minister replied that he had heard of a grand jury hearing in New York. I now ask the minister whether he has a report to make in this respect.

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I have made further inquiries, as I told the hon. member privately, and have every reason to believe that the answer I gave on Thursday last was correct. I am informed that a subpoena was issued by the United States Department of Justice against Domtar Incorporated, which is a United States company, and that no subpoena was issued against the Canadian company.

CRIMINAL CODE

PROCLAMATION OF AMENDMENTS

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Justice. I have given him notice of it. Can the minister advise when he proposes to have the omnibus Criminal Code amendments proclaimed, and will they all be proclaimed at once or at different times?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for giving me notice of this question. Section 11 of the amendments to the Criminal Code relating to race tracks under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Agriculture was proclaimed by Order in Council June 27, taking effect on July 1. Aside from that, we hope to proclaim the major part of the Criminal Code amendments some time in August. We have had discussions with the Attorneys General of all provinces relating to certain aspects of the

amendments which will involve the administrative responsibilities of the provinces. I refer particularly to the drinking and driving aspects of the amendments, the licensing of firearms, licensing of lotteries and some other matters. When the Order in Council is passed I will ensure that the Canadian people and the law enforcement officers across the country receive ample notice of the proclamation of this bill.

AGRICULTURE

REQUEST FOR DEBATE ON CRISIS IN WESTERN CANADA

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker I wish to direct a question to the Acting Prime Minister. In view of the fact that the Prime Minister has given a much higher priority to western Canada than to the rules debate, will the government and the Acting Prime Minister support the Prime Minister by allowing an emergency debate on the crisis in western Canada?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): If the hon. gentleman agreed with my colleague the government house leader, he would bring the rules debate to a vote and we could then go on with other urgent business.

Mr. MacInnis: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Does the Acting Prime Minister not recognize the fact I am agreeing with the Prime Minister and am asking for support for him?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE IN THIRD REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

The house resumed, from Tuesday, July 15, consideration of the motion of Mr. Blair that the third report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization presented to the house on Friday, June 20, 1969, be concurred in, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Baldwin (p. 10963).

[*Translation*]

Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe): Mr. Speaker, for the next few minutes, I would like to call the attention of the house to the fact that the proposal of the President