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HEALTH

POSSIBLE DANGER FROM USE OF AEROSOL UNDERARM SPRAYS—ACTION TO BAN PRODUCTS

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare, Mr. Speaker. In view of the statement recently made at a meeting of the American Thoracic Society that the use of aerosol-type sprays as underarm deodorants may cause lung lesions and may be potentially dangerous to patients with cardiac or respiratory diseases, what steps is the government taking to ban the two commercial brands that have been identified by researchers?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): I am aware, Mr. Speaker, that the Food and Drug Directorate is looking into this matter and I shall advise the House of the results of the study.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

EXTENSION OF SERVICE FOR SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO

Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent-Essex): My question is for the Minister of Labour, Mr. Speaker. May I ask the minister whether, as a result of representations that have been made, any decision has been taken yet on a further extension of service by unemployment insurance offices in southwestern Ontario? If so, could we be furnished with a list of the locations?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. gentleman for his question and would ask that I be permitted to table the answer or perhaps have it printed as an answer to a written question as it is rather detailed. I am prepared to outline all the specific locations across the country.

[Translation]

SPORTS

MONTREAL—OLYMPIC GAMES—DISCUSSION BETWEEN MINISTER AND MAYOR OF MONTREAL

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Could he tell us what was the subject of the talks he had yesterday with the mayor of Montreal, Mr. Drapeau? Were there any mention of decisions about the 1976 Olympic Games and what were these decisions?

[English]

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I would advise the hon. member that no decisions were taken. It was more a question of exploring the avenues of what the mayor and his organizing committee were doing relative to the Olympic Games in Montreal in 1976, and how some of these activities would relate to the fitness and amateur sport program, set out in a document which I forwarded to all members some time ago, in terms of the sports activities that the federal government is encouraging.

[Mr. Jamieson.]

[Translation]

Mr. Valade: Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question to the minister.

I would like to ask him, since he intends to intervene in the matter of sports and recreation, whether before taking a decision he has or will ask the advice of the provincial authorities in order not to interfere in a provincial jurisdictional field, while providing some assistance to the City of Montreal as far as the Olympic Games are concerned?

[English]

Mr. Munro: Mr. Speaker, all the activities undertaken by the fitness and amateur sports directorate of the Department of National Health and Welfare are coordinated very well, and have been on an ongoing basis since the program's inception, with the provinces. That co-ordination takes place with the province of Quebec as it does with other provinces.

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. The Minister of National Health and Welfare just spoke of the performance of the physical fitness and amateur sport branch since its inception. Is the minister aware that this program was initiated in 1960, almost 11 years ago and not the two or three years he mentioned yesterday when the administrative centre was being opened?

POLLUTION

ENFORCEMENT OF LIMITATION ON PHOSPHATE CONTENT IN DETERGENTS—COMPLETE ABOLITION

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, Mr. Speaker. In view of the recent relaxation of similar legislation in the United States, is the Canadian law limiting phosphate content to 20 per cent in detergents and household cleaners being strictly enforced to keep products containing above the percentage off the grocery shelves?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, this responsibility is now being administered by the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry, soon to be minister of the environment. To the best of my knowledge the Canadian regulations made effective last August are being strictly enforced, but I undertake to check and if that is not correct I shall let the House know.

Mrs. MacInnis: May I ask the minister what date has been set for the complete ban from the market in Canada of detergents and household cleaners containing phosphates?

Mr. Greene: Mr. Speaker, the date was originally January 1, 1972, but I will undertake again to confirm that for the hon. member.