

Inquiries of the Ministry

tunity to state their policies on foreign investment in Canada, as well as all opposition parties.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member will appreciate the fact that we are running short of time. Perhaps if he has a supplementary question which can be answered briefly he could be recognized for that purpose, but we will have to try to move along more quickly.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): My question is for the purpose of clarification. The Prime Minister used the word "ministers". I presume he meant members. In order for them to be present in a formal sense to examine these documents, before the House adjourns this week there will have to be some reference establishing the right of the committee to sit and examine the documents. I wonder if that can be considered.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Trudeau: The hon. member is correct. I did say "ministers" when I meant members. The authority which the hon. member requests is one which I do not think the government can give or deny. These documents will be made public and everyone, including the *Globe and Mail*, will have the authority to look at them.

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TRADE

FARM PRODUCTS—IMPOSITION OF SURCHARGE BY EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY—REQUEST FOR STUDY OF IMPACT

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): My question is for the Minister of Agriculture. In view of a report from Brussels to the effect that farm products outside the European Economic Community countries will be subject to an import surtax as a result of the devaluation of the U.S. dollar, would the minister advise the House whether or not Canadian farm products will be subject to this surtax?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): I read these articles only this morning but I would suppose that Canadian agricultural products entering the EEC will be subject to the same levies as farm products entering from anywhere else in the world.

Mr. Nystrom: Will the minister undertake to make a study and estimate the impact of this surtax upon the Canadian agricultural industry?

Mr. Olson: That has already been started.

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GRAIN

REGULATIONS TO PROTECT FARMERS WITH CROP STILL IN SWATH AGAINST POSSIBLE LOSS OF QUOTAS

Mr. Craig Stewart (Marquette): Mr. Speaker, on December 7 I asked the minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board the following question:

[Mr. Trudeau.]

Because of the amount of crop still out in swath in western Canada and particularly in Manitoba, and as this grain will not be combined until spring, and because under the new quota system these farmers will not be able to take advantage of the earlier specified delivery dates, does the government intend to introduce regulations so these farmers will be protected against possible loss of quota under these circumstances?

The minister said he would take the question as notice and report to the House later.

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): And I did so.

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HEALTH

CANCER RESEARCH—GOVERNMENT POLICY ON GRANTS

Mr. Stanley Haidasz (Parkdale): I would like to ask the Minister of National Health and Welfare whether the federal government's policy is to provide grants for cancer research to the National Cancer Institute or only to individual researchers for specific projects?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): We are endeavouring to move toward the objective of giving grants for specific projects. However, in relation to the National Cancer Institute—this gives me an opportunity to answer the question also put by the hon. member for Oxford yesterday—my department has granted \$250,000 to that institute.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

HALIFAX—OFFICERS LEAVING PHONES OFF THE HOOK

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): My question is for the Minister of Labour and it is one of which I have given him some form of notice. It has to do with reports or charges that UIC officers in Halifax are leaving their phones off the hook. I wonder if he might correct that.

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): I thank the hon. gentleman for giving me notice of his question. It is quite obvious that if any employee of the Unemployment Insurance Commission anywhere in Canada is leaving the phone off the hook intentionally, he will soon be amongst the unemployed. Because of the hon. gentleman's interest in the subject I have asked Bell Telephone to ascertain, through a survey over the weekend or early next week, whether or not we have a sufficient number of telephones in the Halifax office. If more are needed, we shall supply them.

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HEALTH

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS—IMPORTATION OF NEW TREATMENT FROM RUSSIA

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, I would like to address a question to the Minister of National