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INDUSTRY

UNITED STATES DISC PROGRAM—MEASURES TO COUNTER EFFECTS ON CANADIAN COMPANIES—DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT NIXON DURING FORTHCOMING VISIT TO OTTAWA

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): I have a question for the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. Can the Prime Minister give us some indication of the government's thinking in respect of the implementation of the DISC program, and will the Prime Minister give the House and the Canadian people some indication of the procedures and methods whereby the government will try to offset any adverse effects from this program?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): The Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce has answered this question at least five times and there is nothing I can add to his answer.

Mr. Alexander: Then may I ask another supplementary. Is it the intention of the government to place this matter before the President of the United States? Acknowledging that the Prime Minister has indicated that the schedule has not been drawn up, is it the government's intention to place this very important question before the President?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, for the reason I just gave the agenda is not set between the two countries, but if the subject is placed on the agenda I will take the view that has been taken by the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

USE OF DISC PROGRAM BY UNITED STATES AUTO PARTS MANUFACTURERS—ACTION TO COUNTERACT EFFECTS—SHUTDOWN OF DUPLATE CORPORATION

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Is the minister aware that a number of United States parts producers with branch plants in Canada have already set up DISCs in the United States and, if so, has he taken any specific action to counteract the negative effect of this?

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Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of that and I would appreciate it if the hon. member would provide me with the information, if he has any.

Mr. Broadbent: I will be glad to do so, Mr. Speaker. Second, has the minister investigated the possibility that the recent transfer and announced shutdown of the Duplate Corporation in Windsor, Ontario, is possibly due to the fact that the Chrysler Corporation has now decided to produce its own windshield glass in the United States instead of purchasing it from Canada?

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Mr. Pepin: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am aware of that fact, but in many other instances that I could quote the opposite has taken place. Companies in the United States have decided to use parts made in Canada. So this is not a frozen situation; it keeps moving all the time, sometimes in the Canadian interest and at other times against Canadian interests.

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POLLUTION

LEVY ON OIL TANKER SHIPMENTS TO PROVIDE CONTINGENCY FUND IN CASE OF SPILLS—RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS WITH NEW BRUNSWICK PREMIER

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. Would he report to the House, to the people of the Maritimes and to the oil interests on the result of his conversations yesterday with Premier Hatfield of New Brunswick?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, may I say as briefly as I can that the discussions both yesterday and this morning were, I believe, beneficial to both sides in terms of creating a greater awareness of the difficulties that we both face in this matter. There was an undertaking on my part as a result of the representations made to me this morning to propose certain alternatives which will be conveyed to Premier Hatfield by the weekend. These alternatives will maintain the objectives of the federal government but may result in some changes in the application that will accommodate his objectives as well.

Mr. Forrestall: May I ask the minister when he will tell the people of Nova Scotia about his plans, or will Premier Regan have to learn about them later? Would the minister undertake, rather than waiting for questions to be asked of him this afternoon, to inform the House at the same time as he informs Premier Hatfield of New Brunswick as to the method or procedure which the minister will propose as an alternative to the present system, because of the implications that are involved?

Mr. Jamieson: Any proposals that were made to any one province would, I assume, under normal circumstances be of national application. Under those circumstances I would see no reason for not making them available at the appropriate time but would wish to consult with Premier Hatfield on whether they would or would not cause any impediment to his own negotiations.

Mr. Forrestall: Am I to understand that the minister would not be prepared to make a statement in the House with respect to these matters prior to or at approximately the same time as he conveys these alternatives to the premier of New Brunswick?

Mr. Jamieson: No, Mr. Speaker, and I am sorry if I have misled the hon. member. What I meant to convey was that we would be making certain proposals to the premier. Incidentally, these will probably result in a further set of meetings early next week in Ottawa. Until the proposals are accepted, they are simply that, and he may have to use