

Oral Questions

his Prime Minister, whereby cars sold in Canada will have emission controls installed in the 1987 models.

[*Translation*]

Hon. Benoît Bouchard (Minister of State (Transport)): Mr. Speaker, we certainly do not intend to answer on behalf of the Prime Minister. I think that the question should be directed to the Minister of Environment. However, I should say that the Department of Transport will co-operate with the Department of Environment and we will provide an answer.

Mr. Caccia: Obviously, the Minister is not familiar with the issue.

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Regina East.

Mr. Caccia: Mr. Speaker, I want to ask a supplementary question.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Regina East.

Mr. Caccia: I am asking for my right—

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Mr. Caccia: I am asking for my right to ask a supplementary question, and I demand it.

Some Hon. Members: Sit down.

Mr. Clark (Yellowhead): Order. Take your seat.

Mr. Caccia: I am asking for my right to ask a supplementary.

Ms. Copps: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Caccia: On a point of order—

Miss MacDonald: You can't have a point of order.

Mr. Caccia: I have a right to ask a supplementary.

Some Hon. Members: Sit down.

Mr. Caccia: I will not sit down.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Regina East.

Mr. Caccia: I have a right—

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Regina East.

Ms. Copps: Mr. Speaker—

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: I ask the Hon. Member to take his seat.

Mr. Caccia: I ask Your Honour—

Mr. Speaker: I ask the Hon. Member to take his seat.

Mr. Caccia: I ask Your Honour to grant me the right to ask a supplementary.

Mr. Speaker: I ask—

Mr. Caccia: Your Honour is here to serve us.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Caccia: I am asking for the right to ask a supplementary.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member took one minute and fifteen seconds to ask his first question.

Mr. Caccia: This is not the first time, Your Honour.

Mr. Speaker: He knows—

Mr. Caccia: I am asking for my right to ask a supplementary.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Regina East.

Ms. Copps: On a point of order—

Mr. de Jong: Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of State for Finance.

Mr. Caccia: A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. de Jong: Mr. Speaker, yesterday I asked the Minister a question—

Mr. Caccia: Mr. Speaker—

An Hon. Member: Just ignore him, Simon.

Mr. de Jong: I can't be heard.

Mr. Speaker: I can hear the Hon. Member ask his question, and so can the government side. Please ask your question.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. de Jong: Thank you.

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TRUST COMPANIES

PIONEER TRUST COMPANY COLLAPSE

Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of State for Finance. Yesterday I asked her questions on the Pioneer Trust Company of Regina, to which she responded as follows:

—I am aware of the situation about which the Hon. Member has asked . . . My officials have been monitoring this situation—

How long was the Minister or her officials aware of the serious financial situation of Pioneer Trust? How many other western-based trust companies are on the brink of collapse?