

Inquiries of the Ministry

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the minister of that department hopes to be in the house tomorrow to answer questions. Perhaps the hon. member would ask his question then.

PRICES AND INCOMES COMMISSIONDISCUSSIONS WITH AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY
REGARDING 1970 PRICES

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Has the prices and incomes commission had discussion and negotiation with the automobile industry regarding the retail price of 1970 models which are soon to be on the market?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware that they have had any discussion on that matter. They do not keep me informed on a daily basis. It might be premature for them to do so until the 1970 models are on the market. The concern of the hon. member's question supports a great number of letters my department has received protesting the high price of cars. I am sure the house would like the car manufacturers to take these protests into account in arriving at prices for the 1970 models.

TAXATION

CAPITAL GAINS—INCLUSION IN WHITE PAPER

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask our happy-looking Minister of Finance a question arising out of his recent statement about the scope of the white paper on taxation. He said the white paper would be devoted to the question of personal and corporate income taxes. Does this mean the question of a capital gains tax is not to be considered in the white paper?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I am afraid my hon. friend will have to wait and see.

Mr. Stanfield: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can we rely upon the minister's statement being complete when he said the white paper would be concerned only with corporate and personal income taxes? Is that an accurate statement of what the minister has in mind?

Mr. Benson: I think it is fairly close, Mr. Speaker.

[Mr. Gleave.]

HOUSE OF COMMONSREQUEST FOR STATEMENT WHY HOUSE NOT
RESUMING UNTIL OCTOBER

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. In view of the pressing need for legislation on taxation and other matters, will the Prime Minister consider making a statement on motions tomorrow as to why the government intends the house to reconvene in October rather than September as most of us thought was to be the case?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I do not suppose the hon. member's party will ever be in a position to know this, but part of the business of government is prepared and transacted outside parliament.

LABOUR RELATIONSVANCOUVER, B.C.—POSSIBILITY OF
LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE

Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Labour.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

An hon. Member: Glad to see you back, Jack.

Mr. Horner: Can the minister inform the house what steps are being taken to avert a strike of Pacific coast longshoremen? The threat of a strike is severely hampering the sale of wheat because it may not be possible to deliver wheat in August. The longshoremen's contract will expire July 31.

Hon. Bryce S. Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, the latest information, which I received at noon today, is that talks between the unions and management will be resuming this Friday, since they have had an opportunity for a week to review the report of the conciliation board which was handed down the other day. My information does not indicate that there has been any loss of wheat sales because of the threat of a strike. If the hon. member has anything more tangible to offer in this respect, I will be glad to turn it over to the appropriate minister for investigation.

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, in light of the minister's answer, would he discuss this matter with the chairman of the Wheat Board and with the