

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I answered yesterday to the effect that this matter had been referred to the combines investigation branch.

Mr. Diefenbaker: That is not what I asked.

Mr. Basford: If I may finish: They will undoubtedly be considering the legal position in relation to Mr. Campbell's statement. As far as I know, the matter has not been referred to the Department of Justice, if that is what the right hon. gentleman is inquiring—to the law officers of the crown.

Mr. Diefenbaker: The Department of Justice is the only place to refer the matter.

Mr. Basford: I can assure the hon. member that a legal opinion will be sought if we feel that one is needed.

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister also say, when his department is looking into the reserve clause in National Hockey League contracts, whether he will also consider looking into the same reserve clause on Canadian Amateur Hockey Association players' registration cards?

[Translation]

FAMILY ALLOWANCES

INQUIRY AS TO POSSIBLE CUTS TO BENEFITS

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister.

As the bill dealing with abortion was passed in the house yesterday and as the number of births will probably decrease as a result, does the Prime Minister intend to increase or decrease family allowances in respect of such children as will still be born?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I volunteer to give the assurance that there will be no decrease in the number of births.

[English]

CANADIAN SOVEREIGNTY

BASE LINE CO-ORDINATES IN ARCTIC
ARCHIPELAGO

Mr. Paul St. Pierre (Coast Chilcotin): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister which arises out of his statement that waters within the Canadian archipelago are considered to be Canadian. When will

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base line co-ordinates be drawn around the rim of the Arctic archipelago to enclose it, and when will maps be issued so that it will be clear to other nations where Canadian boundaries are?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I believe the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry said a few days ago that the co-ordinates would be published forthwith, and that from the co-ordinates the base lines could easily be drawn.

Mr. St. Pierre: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. The fisheries minister's announcement dealt only with the Atlantic and the Pacific coasts. Our longest coastline is the Arctic.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Joliette.

Mr. St. Pierre: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I believe that the Prime Minister is anxious to answer my question, which is: When will the government draw the base lines around the Arctic archipelago, since they are now drawing them on the eastern and western coasts of Canada?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The Prime Minister does not appear to be as anxious as the hon. member.

[Translation]

AIRPORTS

STE. SCHOLASTIQUE—CO-OPERATION BETWEEN
GOVERNMENTS IN CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

Being aware of the importance of co-operation between the government of Quebec and that of Ottawa regarding the Montreal international airport, could the minister tell us today if he has officially received from the Quebec government the assurance of such co-operation which, in my opinion, is necessary?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Not yet, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

INDUSTRY

ACQUISITION OF SALADA FOODS BY KELLOGG

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In view of the takeover of Salada Foods Limited by the Kellogg Company, which is yet another takeover by a United States concern, will the minister