

like to ask the hon. minister whether this would guarantee to Quebecers the availability of products at the same price as those currently obtained from foreign countries.

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, a most important question is that of the price of supplies on the Quebec market. In addition to admitting the safety problem, we both agreed that the price of oil was one important aspect of the problem. But we have yet taken no final decision in this connection.

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[English]

URBAN AFFAIRS

INQUIRY AS TO LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST MUNICIPALITIES IN RAILWAY TRACK REMOVAL OR REROUTING

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. In the Speech from the Throne the government stated it would be introducing legislation to make funds available to municipalities for removing or rerouting railway tracks. Does the government in fact intend to bring in this legislation, and will it have top priority in view of the fact that many municipalities are now preparing their budgets with this work in mind?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the legislation would actually stand in the name of my colleague, the Minister of Transport, because, as the hon. member knows, it deals with the railway grade crossing fund. On his behalf may I say I hope it will be introduced when the House reassembles if the motion to recess is passed today. I would also hope that House leaders of all parties would give it top priority so that it could be dealt with promptly.

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AIR CANADA

POLICY RESPECTING PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT WITH HIGH CANADIAN LABOUR INPUT

Mr. Ellwood Madill (Peel-Dufferin-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Transport I will direct my question to the Prime Minister. Has the government changed its policy of encouraging Air Canada to purchase aircraft which involve a high Canadian labour input?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will take notice of the question on behalf of the Minister of Transport.

Oral Questions

[Translation]

SOCIAL SECURITY

FAMILY ALLOWANCES—QUEBEC POSITION RESPECTING BILL C-211

Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Can he tell the House whether the province of Quebec has stated its intention of prevailing itself of Bill C-211 which enables provinces to set their own level of family allowances?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, the recent announcement by the Quebec government in connection with the projected family allowances program, which should be in force as of January 1, 1974, does take into account the bill currently before the House and it is mostly thanks to the provisions of this bill that Quebecers will be able to benefit from an excellent family allowances program.

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[English]

AIR TRANSPORT

DECISION ON AIRPORT LANDING FEES FOR SMALL AIRCRAFT

Mr. J. R. Ellis (Hastings): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Transport I would like to ask his parliamentary secretary whether any firm decision has been arrived at yet with regard to the imposition of a \$5 landing fee on aircraft under 12,000 pounds at major airports in Canada?

Mr. Joseph-Philippe Guay (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I will bring this question to the attention of the minister. In the meantime, I can assure the hon. member and the House that the matter is under consideration.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

EFFECT OF OLD AGE PENSION INCREASE ON WAR VETERANS ALLOWANCES

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Veterans Affairs. Since the House may recess today I wonder if he can tell us whether the cabinet or Treasury Board has made a decision with regard to exempting from war veterans allowances the recent increase in the old age pension indexing of \$5.16?

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Mr. Speaker, in answer to the hon. member's question I am pleased to inform the House that an order in council has been passed allowing the additional payment in war veterans allowance recipients' cheques in October and also in civilian war allowance recipients' cheques in October.