Inquiries of the Ministry

HEALTH

ACTION TO PHASE OUT CIGARETTE ADVERTISING

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey-White Rock): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. If I may revert to an old familiar theme, I should like to ask the minister whether he can indicate what progress is being made toward either an early announcement of legislation or a voluntary agreement by the industry to phase out cigarette advertising?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I can only state to the hon. member, as I have before, that the government has this proposal respecting tobacco under active consideration, and when a decision is made in regard thereto it will be announced in the House.

[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

EFFECT OF FARM PRODUCTS MARKETING BILL ON TRADE BETWEEN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I want to direct a supplementary question to the Minister

Earlier, in answer to my colleague from Bellechasse, the minister said that Bill C-176 would settle the current issue between Ontario and Quebec.

Could the minister be more specific as to how Bill C-176 would settle this situation?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I do not think that the minister should make this statement now. It would be more appropriate to make it on motions.

INDUSTRY

HEWITT-ROBINS-MEASURES TO PREVENT CLOSING OF COMPANY AND LAY-OFF OF EMPLOYEES

Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

Has the minister received any representations from the Quebec Minister of Industry and Commerce in favour of preventing the closing of the Hewitt-Robins (Canada) Ltd. plant in Saint-Laurent so as to enable 60 Canadian workers to keep their jobs?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Personally, I cannot remember, Mr. Speaker. I shall inquire from the department in case these representations have not reached my office.

[Mr. Trudeau.]

[English]

CAPE BRETON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

INQUIRY AS TO NAMES OF NEW CHAIRMAN AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BRANCH

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, my question is also for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion, and I am sure he will agree with me that it is urgent and pressing. It is with reference to the vacant position of chairman of the Cape Breton Development Corporation. Prior to the Easter recess the minister indicated that an appointment would be made very soon, and might even be made during the recess. Is the minister yet in a position to announce the name of the new chairman of the Cape Breton Development Corporation and also the vice-president of the industrial development branch?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, no, not yet.

NATIONAL REVENUE

POSSIBLE REMOVAL OF ESTATE AND GIFT TAX OFFICES FROM SASKATCHEWAN

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of National Revenue. Would the minister indicate whether his department is considering closing, or has made any decision to close, the estate and gift tax section offices in Saskatoon and Regina and transfer them to Calgary and Winnipeg respectively?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, the office will remain where it is now.

• (3:00 p.m.)

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

PRAIRIE GRAIN ADVANCE PAYMENTS ACT

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING RATE PER BUSHEL, EMER-GENCY PAYMENTS, EXTENSION OF APPLICATION TO RYE, FLAXSEED AND RAPESEED

The House resumed, from Tuesday, May 4, consideration of the motion of Mr. Lang that Bill C-239, to amend the Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, I wish to participate in the debate simply to say that this bill represents yet another of the government's measures which will add insult to injury for the farmers of western Canada. I was amazed when the minister talked about the government's great revolutionary provisions to