

Oral Questions

2. What are the names and addresses of these outside persons and organizations and what amounts of money were involved in each contract?

3. What was the purpose of each contract and title of each report submitted?

4. What are the names and addresses of outside persons and organizations who were awarded contracts for research, development and other consulting services in the current fiscal year, and what are the amounts of money involved in each case and what is the purpose of each contract?

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ACCELERATED CAPITAL COST ALLOWANCE PROGRAM

Question No. 170—**Mr. Rodriguez:**

1. What were the names of corporations benefitting from the Accelerated Capital Cost Allowance Program (ACCH) for pollution-control structures and equipment, in each of the fiscal years 1971-72 and 1972-73 to date and, in each case, what were the costs allowed under the program for rapid write-off?

2. What are the objectives of the above program?

3. Has the department conducted any evaluative study of the program and, if so, what was the date of the latest report?

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REQUEST FOR RCMP CENTENNIAL LICENCES

Question No. 205—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. How many requests have been received, and from whom, for RCMP Centennial licences?

2. How many have been approved and to whom were they issued?

3. In each approved case, what are the royalty scales?

4. Did the Royal Canadian Mint seek a licence and, if not, for what reason?

5. For what reason were licences not issued in the same manner as they were for our National Centennial year?

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FINANCE

POSSIBLE IMPOSITION BY UNITED STATES OF IMPORT SURCHARGE IN LIGHT OF DOLLAR DIFFICULTIES—CANADIAN REPRESENTATIONS AND POSITION

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce a question arising from a statement attributed to the chairman of President Nixon's council of economic advisers that the United States government is seriously considering the imposition of a surcharge to urge or at least have the effect of compelling or bringing its trading partners to the point of adjusting their monetary and trading policies to relieve the United States deficit. I should like to ask the minister whether, in view of this statement attributed to the chairman of the President's economic advisory council, he has had any contact with the United States government in this regard?

[Mr. Nystrom.]

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I am aware of the newspaper reports quoting the chairman. Our officials have, of course, been in contact with United States officials over a period of time and certainly very recently as well.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, I assume what the minister is saying is that he has not been in contact with the United States government as a result of this statement of the chairman of the President's council of economic advisers. What is the position of the government in respect of the difficulties relating to the United States dollar and the possibility of surcharges being imposed in light of the statement to which I referred? Is it the position of the government of Canada that Canada will make a special approach to the United States with regard to this potential difficulty for Canada, or does Canada intend to rely upon a multilateral approach in association with the countries of western Europe, Japan and other countries that will be concerned?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Speaker, I should like to emphasize that Canada's position will be placed strongly and clearly to the United States authorities. It has been made strongly and clearly over the months and, indeed, recently, and I am sure it will continue to be so. As far as the solution of the difficulties the United States faces at the present time is concerned, I very much hope it will be a multilateral solution rather than a series of bilaterals.

An hon. Member: Don't be so formal.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, I have a further supplementary question. I am sure the minister will agree that the recent difficulties are what the chairman of the President's economic council referred to. Does the minister propose to act on behalf of the government of Canada in putting forward and claiming a special position for Canada in relation to United States trade in light of consideration by the United States of the imposition of surcharges, or does the government of Canada propose to let nature take its course in the United States and then formulate domestic policies designed to relieve Canadian industries that might be affected, as the policy followed apparently was in the imposition of a surcharge in August, 1971?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Speaker, we have made clear to the United States authorities that Canada is not contributing to the deficit on current account that the United States is experiencing. In fact, we assist in respect of that deficit in that we as a nation have helped to reduce the U.S. deficit position on current account. Indeed, like the United States, we are in a deficit position on current account with the rest of the trading world.

BANK PROFITS FROM INTERNATIONAL MONETARY DEALINGS—GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. David Lewis: Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask one or two questions in the same area. May I first address a question to the Minister of Finance. In view of reports by the chartered banks of Canada showing that they have made considerable profits from international monetary dealings, may I ask whether the minister has discussed