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- 2. What is the policy of the government concerning such loans?
- 3. What loans of this nature has the government made in the past (a) 15 years (b) 10 years (c) 5 years?
- 4. Of each such loan, what proportion has been recovered by the government either through the purchase of Canadian products, or through direct repayment?
- 5. Were non-recoverable loans made by the government during the same periods and, if so (a) how many (b) to what countries (c) on what dates (d) for what amounts.

Return tabled.

• (2:30 p.m.)

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Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, Notices of Motions Nos. 138 and 169 are acceptable to the government.

STUDY OF URBAN PROBLEMS BY PROFESSOR HARVEY LITHWICK

Motion No. 138-Mr. Gilbert:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the study of urban problems in Canada undertaken by Professor Harvey Lithwick for the Minister without Portfolio responsible for housing and urban affairs.

Motion agreed to.

COPY OF STUDY ON HOUSING POLICY OR URBAN PROBLEMS

Motion No. 169-Mr. Orlikow:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the study on Housing Policy or Urban Problems conducted on behalf of the Minister without Portfolio in charge of Housing and/or any studies prepared dealing with individual phases of the problems of Housing or Urban Problems prepared during the aforementioned study?

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Jerome: Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call Notice of Motion No. 143.

COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE CAR REPAIR BUSINESS

Motion No. 143-Mr. Mather:

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this House copies of all correspondence between the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and provincial governments in 1970 regarding the car repair business.

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, correspondence has been exchanged between officials of my department and provincial government departments on the understanding

[Mr. Caouette.]

that this exchange of views was to be treated on a confidential basis. For this reason it would not be appropriate to table the correspondence.

Mr. Mather: Mr. Speaker, since I am so glad to hear that the government is finally doing something about the car repair business I will withdraw the motion temporarily.

Mr. Speaker: The motion is dropped.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

INCOME TAX

STATEMENT BY MINISTER OF FINANCE ON WHITE PAPER ON REFORM AS BASIS FOR LEGISLATION—NEW PROPOSALS

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance who I am happy to see has not disappeared as his white paper has. Now that the minister has announced the scrapping of the white paper on tax reform as a basis for tax legislation, to the hooting and cheering of a large crowd, is he going to make a statement at an early date as to the contents of a new tax reform package?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, over a hundred times at least, I would think, during the last year, including many times in the House, I have indicated that we produced a white paper on tax reform, a discussion document.

Mr. Baldwin: You mean a monster.

Mr. Benson: I tried to persuade my hon. friends that this is what we produced, that we would listen to submissions. We have received a great many useful submissions from across the country, from business institutions and from the provinces. We had reports from the Senate and House of Commons committees. The only quarter from which we have not had useful suggestions is from the opposition.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Benson: Now my hon. friend has been running around the country shooting at windmills.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, perhaps the minister was simply looking for applause. I should like to ask the minister, now that he has stated that the white paper will not be the basis for his tax proposals, whether the tax measures that will be put forward will be as compre-