

MEETING OF PRIME MINISTER WITH PRESIDENT FORD—
REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED
AND REPORT TO HOUSE

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): I should like to ask the Prime Minister a question in reference to his visit with President Ford tomorrow. I wonder if at this time he is able to tell us the priorities that he will be outlining and discussing with the president in the short time he has. I am thinking of the security of supply of energy and the automobile pact. Has there been a priority set for this interview which is so important at this time for the economic life of both nations?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Oh, yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Woolliams: I wonder if the Prime Minister would tell us what those priorities are. If he is not able to tell us now, will he be making a full report when he returns from Washington?

Mr. Trudeau: Oh no, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Woolliams: I will ask this then: is this meeting with the president so confidential that the Prime Minister cannot tell the Canadian people and the House what the priorities are or report on the discussion when he returns to Canada? Is it a confidential meeting?

Mr. Trudeau: It is a private meeting so far as our side is concerned, but the policies which will be discussed are of interest to Canadians and to the House of Commons and I will be prepared to answer questions or make a statement.

Mr. Woolliams: You said you would not.

Mr. Trudeau: You mentioned Washington, not Ottawa.

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REQUEST THAT JOINT APPEAL BE MADE TO RUSSIAN
AUTHORITIES FOR MORE HUMANE TREATMENT OF VALENTYN
MOROZ

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): My question is for the Prime Minister. In view of the recent open appeal made by the wife of Valentyn Moroz to all good and compassionate people, which included the Prime Minister and President Ford, may I ask the Prime Minister if he is aware of such a letter, and further, whether he will use the occasion of his visit tomorrow to ask President Ford to join him in taking joint action to appeal to the Soviet authorities for a more humane treatment of Mr. Moroz, and in particular to urge the Soviet authorities to remove Mr. Moroz immediately to hospital because of his deteriorating condition.

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Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am aware of the letter to which the hon. member refers. As to whether the question will be raised, I can only give the same type of answer I gave to an earlier question: there are many matters to be raised and I cannot guarantee that they will all be raised.

Oral Questions

Mr. Mazankowski: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the fact that December 10 has been designated as International Human Rights Day does the Prime Minister not feel it appropriate to renew his efforts on behalf of Mr. Moroz? Does he not consider the evidence of Mrs. Moroz as substantive proof that the health of Mr. Moroz is deteriorating and death is near unless medical treatment can be provided to him immediately?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, my information is that medical treatment is being provided and that Mr. Moroz is in hospital. This information was conveyed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs by the Soviet ambassador when our minister spoke about this matter to the ambassador a week or two ago.

Mr. Mazankowski: One further supplementary for clarification, Mr. Speaker. Could the Prime Minister indicate whether Mr. Moroz is in a hospital in prison or in a hospital outside the prison?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, we know it is a hospital but we do not know if it is in or out of prison. I suppose that as in Canada they have hospitals in prisons and outside.

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FOREIGN INVESTMENT

SUGGESTED LOOPHOLE IN LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS
CONCERNING TAKEOVERS—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Bob Kaplan (York Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Is the minister aware of the announcement by Bevis Corporation Limited, a British controlled company, that it has discovered a loophole in the Foreign Investments Review Act permitting it to avoid approval of takeovers and if he is, does he propose to take any steps to block this loophole?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I have seen a reference in the *Globe and Mail*. The transfer of voting rights by non-Canadians without the corresponding transfer of equity ownership is not by itself sufficient to change ultimate control of the corporation. This is patently so where those voting rights will revert to non-Canadians some time in the future.

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HEALTH

PROPOSED FUNDING OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR
NATIVES ON USE OF ALCOHOL—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Wally Firth (Northwest Territories): Mr. Speaker, I address this question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the recommendations resulting from a series of workshops held in the western Arctic a few months ago sponsored jointly by the Northwest Territories government and the Indian Brotherhood of the Northwest Territories on the subject of alcohol problems in the north, does the minister intend to initiate any programs in the near future to increase the funding avail-