

COMBINES

ALLEGED MONOPOLY IN ALBERTA BROILER INDUSTRY

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Is the minister having his department investigate an alleged monopoly developing in the broiler industry in Alberta in view of the fact that 80 per cent of the industry is dominated by the Alberta Poultry Marketers Co-operative as outlined in a recent study released by the University of Alberta?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, thanks to the hon. member, I and my department are aware of the report and it is being examined for any possible breaches of the Combines Act that might be involved.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

ARMED FORCES—INQUIRY AS TO PAY INCREASES

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Defence and is in respect of a pay increase for the armed forces. Have the minister and his colleagues in the Treasury Board any charity in their hearts now that it is about a month overdue?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): Yes, Mr. Speaker, my colleagues in the Treasury Board do have charity in their hearts.

Mr. Forrestall: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the minister could indicate whether we might expect an announcement on pay increases soon?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): I am afraid I cannot do that at the moment, Mr. Speaker.

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INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I refer to an answer given to a question put by the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka on November 10 at page 1043 of *Hansard*. The Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources at that time stated that the ministers in charge of the water pollution questions and environmental management from the provinces of Quebec and Ontario attended a meeting which reached an agreement to the effect that on the completion of the Quebec-Ontario study of the Ottawa River which will be completed early in the new year "we will proceed to enter into a joint water quality management agreement pursuant to the terms of the Canada Water Act."

My question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Would the minister please check into the authenticity of the raw sewage being flushed directly into the Ottawa River by the French Embassy,

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the British High Commission and none other than 24 Sussex Drive?

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SOCIAL SECURITY

GUARANTEED ANNUAL INCOME

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): I should like to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. In view of the fact that the Senate Committee on Poverty is going to recommend some form of guaranteed annual income and in view of the further fact that the Prime Minister will have the honour of presiding over the highest number of unemployed Canadians in history this winter, would he inform the House—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

ATLANTIC PROVINCES—MODIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In view of reports arising from the discussions at the Atlantic Provinces Economic Conference pointing out that regional development policies require extensive modification, especially in the area of resource development, can the minister say whether such modification is contemplated? If so, will he make a statement on motions clarifying the government's legislative role in this area?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, we are continually analysing programs and projects and trying to improve on them. We certainly intend to go on with it if the House decides to allocate considerably larger credits for that purpose.

[English]

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON RECOMMENDATIONS BY COUNCIL ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Patrick J. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday I asked the minister about the different methods he is studying for improving the program. Is the minister prepared to make a statement on motions this session as to the firm recommendations made by the Council on Rural Development which comes under his department?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I believe the other day I did reply that this report is being considered by my department and immediately we come to some conclusions, I shall make a statement in the House, if need be.