

*Inquiries of the Ministry***THE CANADIAN ECONOMY****FOREIGN OWNERSHIP—IMPLEMENTATION OF WATKINS REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS—ESTABLISHMENT OF MONITORING AGENCY**

**Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Acting Prime Minister. In view of the recent measures taken by the United States which adversely affect our national economy, would the government consider implementing without further delay the recommendations of the Watkins report on foreign ownership and the recommendation of the House committee on foreign affairs to set up an agency to monitor the activities of foreign-owned subsidiaries?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I would not like to waffle in my answer. The government, of course, has adopted some of the recommendations of the task force that was established by my predecessor when Mr. Watkins was not quite as extreme in his views as he is today.

**Mr. Saltsman:** In light of his answer, can the Acting Prime Minister indicate whether the government has any plans to monitor foreign-owned corporations to make sure they do not divert production from Canada to the United States?

**Mr. Sharp:** No, Mr. Speaker, there is no intention of establishing such an agency but the government has other means of knowing what is going on in these corporations and ensuring that they obey Canadian law and not American law, as his leader has said.

[Translation]

**Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question to the Acting Prime Minister.

The former Minister of Communications, the hon. member for Duvernay, stated yesterday that our policy should provide for a liberal monetary action capable of satisfying our capital requirements, that is, that the provinces should borrow in this country, and that the Bank of Canada should make funds available through financial channels—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I hope the hon. member intends to put a question and not to repeat the speech made yesterday by the hon. member for Duvernay.

**Mr. Caouette:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to know whether this government is presently considering this solution to assist the provinces and thus stimulate the growth and development of our economy?

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**TRANSPORT****TOBERMORY-SOUTH BAY FERRY SERVICE—ACTION TO REMOVE BOTTLENECK**

**Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey-Simcoe):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct this question to the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact that a bottleneck has existed for the past two or three years on the Tobermory to South Bay ferry

[Mr. Jamieson.]

service, where there is ever-increasing traffic, what action does the government propose to take to remedy this situation?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, a number of meetings have been held with the government of the province of Ontario, the most recent on July 26 or July 27. Our officials have subsequently met and the idea is to try to find some federal-provincial agreement under which this service would both be improved and ultimate responsibility for it assumed by the province of Ontario. I would hope that can be done during the fall.

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**TRADE****NEW QUOTAS AND INCREASED DUTIES ON PORK PROPOSED BY JAPAN—CANADIAN INITIATIVES TO POSTPONE AND REACH PERMANENT SOLUTION**

**Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of the expressed intention of the Japanese to impose new quotas and increased import duties on pork to become effective on September 30, 1971, has the government taken any initiative under GATT to have the Japanese postpone this action, and has the government intervened to work toward a permanent solution? If not, does the government plan to move in this direction?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** I take notice of that question, Mr. Speaker.

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**URBAN AFFAIRS****TORONTO REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ERECTION OF DOMED STADIUM**

**Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. Is it the intention of the minister to give a favourable response to the request of the city of Toronto for financial assistance for the erection of a domed stadium?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I am sorry but I was not able to hear the question.

**Mr. Gilbert:** I will repeat it. Is it the intention of the minister to give a favourable response to the city of Toronto's request for financial assistance for the erection of a domed stadium?

**Mr. Andras:** Mr. Speaker, that is most unlikely, and I have not had a direct request from the city of Toronto to that effect.