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**HOUSING**

## FORECASTS FOR 1972

**Mr. Alexandre Cyr (Gaspé):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of State for Urban Affairs.

Since federal government policy has greatly contributed to stimulating the economy of the building industry in Canada in 1971 and since statistics reveal that the year has been a record one, could the hon. minister indicate in the House whether he foresees a still better year for 1972.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member is inviting the minister to express an opinion or make a statement, which should normally be done on motions.

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• (3:10 p.m.)

[English]

**AGRICULTURE**

## PROGRAM TO ASSIST SMALL FARMERS—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT—POSITION OF QUEBEC AND MARITIME FARMS

**Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar):** I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Agriculture and ask him whether he has any information to give to the House on the specifics of the program for the consolidation of small farms as outlined in his small farms policy announced a few days ago.

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** The general outline of that program was made available to hon. members several months ago. There may be some amendments or modifications following agreements with the provinces with respect to the administration of the program. I will be having a further meeting with the ministers of agriculture in January when, hopefully, we will have a draft agreement or perhaps even a signed agreement on the division of administrative responsibility. But in so far as the manner in which the program will be applied to individual farmers is concerned, that is pretty well outlined in the document which the hon. member has.

**Mr. Horner:** Was not the word "adjustment" changed to "development"?

**Mr. Murta:** Because of the limitations of the small farms policy as broadly outlined by the minister, that is regarding the size of the farms involved in the plan, will the plan for consolidation be directly aimed at Quebec and Maritime farms in the initial phases of the plan?

**Mr. Olson:** No, Mr. Speaker; there are small farms in all parts of Canada and those farmers will all have equal access to the program.

## PROGRAM TO ASSIST SMALL FARMERS—METHOD OF IMPLEMENTATION

**Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville):** I would like to ask the Minister of Agriculture whether it is the intention to proceed with the legislation to implement the small farms

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development program or will the program be undertaken through the existing framework of the policies?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** The initial stages will be undertaken under the authority that we already have from Parliament through the passage of the estimates for both this year and last year.

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**THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**

## FOREIGN OWNERSHIP—POSSIBLE PUBLICATION OF POLICY DURING PARLIAMENTARY RECESS

**Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont):** Six weeks ago today the Prime Minister indicated that within a week or ten days there would be some announcement concerning the publication of the government's policy with respect to foreign investment, the publication of the full Gray report plus other supporting studies. Since we have had no word in the meantime as to when we might expect these important documents and policy positions, I wonder if the Prime Minister could indicate whether it is now the plan of the government to publish these matters while Parliament is recessed.

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I have dealt with this question a few times since my statement six weeks ago. I did indicate the technical difficulty which prevented the material from being ready, and I indicated that most likely it would be ready toward the middle of January. As to the question whether it should be made public at that time or whether we should wait until Parliament reconvenes, we have not given complete consideration to it but I would be thankful for the views of the hon. member on that.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Will we see it in the *Globe and Mail* first?

## FOREIGN OWNERSHIP—EXAMINATION OF POLICY BY COMMITTEE—CONSULTATION WITH ONTARIO

**Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont):** In view of the fact that apparently the proposal is to recess Parliament for a considerable length of time, and in view of the importance of this document, has the government given consideration to allowing a committee of the House to sit and examine these documents? Has there been any consultation with the provinces on these matters or will any machinery be established whereby there can be effective provincial consultation, particularly in view of the recent report to the government of Ontario with some very important supporting material?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** That is a very constructive suggestion for which I thank the hon. member. Perhaps if the government finds it advisable to publish these documents before the House reconvenes we may arrange to have a group of ministers present at the press conference to be informed of the announcements we will want to make. As to the second part of the question, there has been of course consultation with the provinces, not the least of which was the last federal-provincial meeting of first ministers when the provinces had every oppor-