

Inquiries of the Ministry

be prepared to meet the mayor of Calgary to discuss this matter?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have received the message. I really do not believe that much useful purpose would be served by having a repetition of representations that were made to me by the mayor of Calgary a few weeks ago. I understand his impatience, and hope he will not have to be impatient very much longer.

Mr. Harkness: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is the minister certain that the mayor has no further matters to put before him than the representations which were made some weeks ago; and would he not be prepared to meet the mayor?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is the Minister of Transport aware of the fact that he is disagreeing with the Minister of National Health and Welfare, who yesterday implied that repetition was needed?

URANIUM**INQUIRY AS TO DISCUSSIONS RESPECTING SALE TO FRANCE**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. George Hees (Northumberland): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Has the minister any information to pass on to the house regarding conversations with the government of France leading to possible future orders for uranium from this country?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, there is nothing new to report. The government is keeping in close contact with the French government, as are the uranium producers. As far as I know, there are no active negotiations at the moment.

EXPO '67**OBJECTIONS BY AUDITOR GENERAL AS TO FINANCING**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland): Mr. Speaker, I also have a question for the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Does the minister intend to introduce legislation during the present session to eliminate the objections raised by the Auditor General with regard to the financing of Expo '67?

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Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): No, sir, because such legislation in this session is not necessary.

Mr. Coates: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has the minister satisfied himself that the recently announced preview of Expo '67 for some 7,000 V.I.P.'s will not place unnecessary additional burdens on the taxpayers of this nation?

Mr. Winters: Yes, I am satisfied on that point, Mr. Speaker.

DEFENCE PRODUCTION**REPORTED CHANGE IN TARIFF ON MILITARY EQUIPMENT PURCHASED ABROAD**

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, this seems to be the day of the Minister of National Revenue, or perhaps this question should be addressed to the Minister of Defence Production. Has their attention been drawn to an editorial in the *Financial Post* to the effect that on November 24, almost three months ago, the federal government made a change in the ground rules affecting hundreds of companies, whereby certain reductions were made in connection with importations of defence products. No notice was given to the trade. Why did this failure take place? What justification is there that orders made by the government, so important to business and employment in Canada, should have been kept under cover until finally revealed three months after the order in council was passed?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): Mr. Speaker, as the right hon. gentleman has indicated there was an order in council passed which was discussed with those involved in the industry before its passage. The order in council having been passed it was, as usual, published in the official gazette of Canada. I have not with me today the page number of the gazette for the month of November, but I will be glad to provide it to the right hon. gentleman so he can read it.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I can also read what was stated by the *Financial Post*.

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I ask the hon. gentleman—

Some hon. Members: Order.