

**POLLUTION****POSSIBLE WATERFRONT CESSPOOL IN HAMILTON BEACH AREA**

**Mr. Colin D. Gibson (Hamilton-Wentworth):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. Will the minister attempt to prevent a possible pollution crisis in the nature of a waterfront cesspool which could arise, as alleged by Alderman Custeau in yesterday's *Hamilton Spectator*, as a result of the exchange of lands by the city of Hamilton and the Hamilton Harbour Board in the Hamilton beach area?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I think I can flatly and unequivocally say that I have come out strongly against cesspools, wherever they happen to be.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Resign, then.

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**TRANSPORT****SNOWMOBILES—NOISE CAUSED BY OVERPOWERED MACHINES—STUDY OF THREAT TO ECOLOGY AND MAN**

**Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport and arises out of the recent conference on snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles. Is the minister's department planning to undertake a study of the charges made at the recent conference concerning the threat to the ecology and to humans by noisy and overpowered machines?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, may I call the hon. member's attention to the fact that the report of the first study on snowmobile safety, conducted under the auspices of the Department of Transport, was tabled this morning. It contains some references to the matter which the hon. member has commented upon and perhaps may provide him with some of the answers.

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**GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION****EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT PURCHASING AMONG PROVINCES**

**Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the President of the Treasury Board. Is the government reviewing its over-all purchasing activities, as recommended in the Senate committee report, to make certain that the cards are not stacked in favour of central Canada? If so, will someone be making a statement about the government's intentions in this regard?

**Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board):** Mr. Speaker, I am not sure that I accept the premise that the cards are stacked, in government purchasing, in favour of any particular part of Canada. There is, of course, a continuing review of our contracting and procurement

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procedures. This will be continued in the light of the recommendation of the Senate committee.

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**TRANSPORT****TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES FOR GRAIN—MEETING WITH RAILWAYS**

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport and follows on questions asked previously by my colleague, the hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar. Can the minister say whether he or his department has arranged a meeting respecting the movement of grain?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I have been in touch with both railways and Canadian National and Canadian Pacific will have representatives here next Thursday immediately following the question period, I believe. We will arrange to circulate information as to the time and place of this meeting to all interested members before then.

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**THE CANADIAN ECONOMY****SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF INCOME TAX BILL TO DEAL WITH UNITED STATES ECONOMIC MEASURES**

**Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton-Centre):** My question is for the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. Is the government considering dropping the tax bill and starting a new session this year, as suggested by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Revenue, to deal specifically with DISC and other United States economic threats to the Canadian economy?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** There would have to be DISC legislation before we would want to announce our decision on that.

**Mr. Paproski:** Will the government outline its contingency plans in connection with DISC and its policy on foreign investment before the Christmas recess and in time for parliamentary discussion this year?

**Mr. Trudeau:** I do not see the advantage of outlining a contingency plan relative to a contingency which has not yet arisen.

**Mr. Gray:** On a brief question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, I think I should inform the House that contrary to the suggestion of the hon. member I do not have a parliamentary secretary.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Baldwin:** You need a dozen.

**Mr. Peters:** How about Steve Paproski?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Orders of the day.