

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I did rise to ask a supplementary.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member is not the only one to rise on a supplementary, but there are about five minutes left till the end of the question period and there are many members from parties on both sides of the House waiting for a chance to ask questions. The Chair recognizes the hon. member for Sarnia-Lambton.

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POLLUTION

GREAT LAKES—UNITED STATES VETO OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL PROJECTS—CONTINUATION OF FEDERAL AND ONTARIO CLEAN-UP PROGRAM

Mr. Jack Cullen (Sarnia-Lambton): Mr. Speaker I have a question for the Minister of the Environment. In view of the White House veto of the sewage disposal program, which is going to be a severe setback to the clean-up of the Great Lakes, can we be assured that the federal government and the province of Ontario will continue with their program on the Canadian side?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, the answer to that question is yes.

Mr. Cullen: Is it the intention of the federal government to make further representations to the United States to see whether we can change their decision?

Mr. Davis: Mr. Speaker, the decision referred to in the press today dealt with the funding of local projects. It did not deal with the much larger program that is in an advanced stage of discussion with the United States for the clean-up of the Great Lakes.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

DECISION ON REQUEST FOR GRANT BY CANADIAN CO-OPERATIVE IMPLEMENTS LIMITED

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. Has he received a telegram from the board of directors of Canadian Co-operative Implements Limited requesting a review of their application for a DREE grant for the construction of a new farm implements factory in St. Boniface, and has a favourable reply been given that the application will be approved in view of the fact—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that we could spend quite a bit of time during this period on questions about individual applications under the program to which the hon. member refers. If he thinks that the matter is urgent perhaps it should be considered at the time of adjournment. In any event he has now brought the matter to the attention of the minister.

Mr. Benjamin: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member is rising on a point of order.

Mr. Benjamin: I am sorry to try Your Honour's patience, but this matter is urgent. The annual meeting of this organization is being held today and the matter involves upward of \$3 million. The entire organization is waiting for a reply from the minister.

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, we are waiting for a piece of information. The corporation knows about this, and as soon as we receive the information we will make a decision.

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TRADE

POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF DOMESTIC INTERNATIONAL SALES CORPORATIONS—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON PLANS TO OFFSET EFFECTS OF UNITED STATES DISC PROGRAM

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the right hon. Prime Minister. Does the government now propose to introduce domestic international sales corporations, or the rough equivalent of such corporations, in Canada?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, there is no plan along those lines at the present time.

Mr. Ryan: Will the government make a statement in respect of what it intends to do to offset the very harmful effects on Canadian industry of the DISC program in the United States? If so, when may we expect such a statement?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I cannot add anything to what the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce said on a previous occasion, namely, that we were considering the effect of the program and deciding whether there would have to be any counter-action by the Canadian government.

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TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE TO HEAR BRIEFS ON PROBLEMS IN SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO

Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent-Essex): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Transport. The minister is aware that the proposed journey of the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications to southwestern Ontario to study certain problems there was postponed as a result of difficulties encountered by Air Canada. Since many bodies spent a great deal of time and effort preparing briefs for the benefit of the committee, will that committee be reconstituted at an early date so there will be an opportunity for the presentation of these briefs?