

*Oral Questions*

**Hon. Robert de Cotret (President of the Treasury Board):** I will be very happy to give the Hon. Member all the information he wants on the case. I would just like to take notice and check exactly whether it is before the Treasury Board, if it has been presented to the Board, when it is going to be presented to the Board, and when action will be taken.

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[Translation]

### CANADA POST CORPORATION

INQUIRY WHY MINISTER CANCELLED MEETING WITH  
DELEGATION FROM MONTREAL

**Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister responsible for Canada Post.

Why did the Minister cancel a meeting previously arranged with a delegation from Montreal? Is he afraid of meeting people who are upset about being treated like second-class citizens as far as home mail delivery is concerned?

I would like an answer please.

[English]

**Mr. Bill Domm (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Canada Post):** Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Minister responsible I would be very pleased to take the question under consideration and bring it to the attention of the Minister on his return.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Under the circumstances I think the Hon. Member for Papineau.

**Mr. Keeper:** Supplementary, Mr. Speaker!

**Some Hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Hon. Member knows the practice is that, when we simply have a "take note" answer from a Parliamentary Secretary, we go to the next questioner.

**Mr. Keeper:** It was an inadequate response.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Keeper:** I would like to put a supplementary question to the Parliamentary Secretary. If he was answering a question for the Minister I would like to put a supplementary question to him.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Hon. Member for Papineau.

[Translation]

### COMPETITION

INQUIRY IF MERGER PROVISIONS IN BILL C-91 WILL BE  
PROCLAIMED WHEN LEGISLATION RECEIVES ROYAL ASSENT

**Hon. André Ouellet (Papineau):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

Is the Minister now in a position to accept a suggestion made by the Leader of the Opposition, and to confirm that the part of Bill C-91 that deals with mergers will come into effect immediately after royal assent is given? And could the Minister issue a press release to inform Canadian companies and businessmen accordingly?

● (1450)

[English]

**Mr. Bill Domm (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Canada Post):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to advise the Hon. Member for Papineau and the House that the Government intends that the merger provisions included in Sections 63 to 70 of Bill C-91 will take effect on the day of proclamation, right after the Bill is passed.

[Translation]

INQUIRY IF BILL C-91 WILL HAVE SUPREMACY OVER OTHER  
LEGISLATION

**Hon. André Ouellet (Papineau):** Mr. Speaker, I am glad to hear this. Similarly, could the Parliamentary Secretary confirm to the House that Bill C-91 will take precedence over the Investment Canada Act in case of mergers that would involve foreign take-overs?

[English]

**Mr. Bill Domm (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Canada Post):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to advise the Hon. Member and the House that the provisions included within the Act, the Competition Act and the Canada Business Corporations Act, will take precedence over Investment Canada. That is clearly spelled out in the intent of the legislation as it pertains to both the Competition Act and the Canada Business Corporations Act.

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### THE CENSUS

PUBLIC AWARENESS OF IMPORTANCE

**Mr. Allan Pietz (Welland):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Supply and Services. Next Tuesday, June 3, is census day in Canada. As the Minister knows, the co-operation of every Canadian is important in gathering