

HOUSING

INCLUSION OF PRESENT PURCHASES OF PROPERTIES BY MUNICIPALITIES UNDER NEW URBAN RENEWAL COST-SHARING SCHEME

Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. In view of the fact plans are being made for changes in urban renewal policy, can the minister give assurance that properties and real estate purchased by municipalities at the present time will come under the new cost-sharing scheme when the new program comes into effect?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I would not want to answer that until any new proposals were in fact laid before parliament.

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FINANCE

METHOD OF MEETING DEFICIT IN PRESENT BUDGET

Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. Does the minister intend to cover the deficit in the present budget, estimated at \$750 million to \$1 billion, by using the private bond market, or by use of the private banks or the Bank of Canada, generally considered to be inflationary in character?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have serious doubts about the hon. member's question. I do not think it is the kind of question that ought to be asked at this time.

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TRADE

POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISCUSSIONS WITH UNITED STATES ON CANADIAN EXEMPTION FROM INTEREST EQUALIZATION TAX AND AUTO PACT NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. Mac T. McCutcheon (Lambton-Kent): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Finance. Can the minister say whether there have been discussions recently with the United States government on Canada's present exemption from the interest equalization tax, and are these discussions connected in any way with the auto pact?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, if there have been such discussions they would have been within the purview of my colleague, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, but none have been had at the ministerial level, to my knowledge.

POSSIBILITY OF UNITED STATES AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS NOT USING DISC PROGRAM

Mr. Mac T. McCutcheon (Lambton-Kent): I thank the minister very much, Mr. Speaker. I was just following the instructions of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce in his answer on Friday. Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I

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might direct a supplementary question to the Prime Minister. On Friday the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce stated:

I understand the automobile manufacturers in the United States have no intention of using it—

The DISC program. Can the Prime Minister inform the House whether the government has in fact received any sort of formal assurance from the U.S. auto industry that they will not use DISC?

• (1440)

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Certainly, Mr. Speaker, the government as a whole has not received such assurance, but the question might be referred to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. I will do that and see if anything has been given to him in the way of assurance which has not yet been brought to the attention of the cabinet.

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CANADIAN CULTURE

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO ETHNIC GROUPS TO EXPAND ACTIVITIES

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Secretary of State whether the government has yet allocated funds to support the various ethnic and cultural groups in Canada in preserving and expanding their multicultural activities, as announced by the Prime Minister last October?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I shall take the question under advisement, Mr. Speaker, and shall be glad to let the hon. member have the reply.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Malpeque.

Mr. Orlikow: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps we might hear the supplementary first and then the hon. member for Malpeque will be recognized.

Mr. Orlikow: When the minister replies to the question would he indicate whether the plans of the federal government have been discussed with the provincial governments so that the activities of the two levels of government can be co-ordinated in one plan?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Malpeque.

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AGRICULTURE

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—DISPOSITION OF POTATOES PURCHASED BY STABILIZATION BOARD—RESPONSE TO RESOLUTION PASSED BY LEGISLATURE

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture.