

cent surcharge on all Japanese cars and trucks coming into this country in 1982?

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of State (International Trade)): Madam Speaker, I am sure the hon. member is aware of the substantial number of jobs in this country that are dependent upon exports that Canadian firms have to sell to other countries. I am sure the hon. member would like to see a positive conclusion to the negotiations rather than an enforced unilateral system here in Canada.

REASON FOR NOT IMPOSING SURCHARGE

Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant): Madam Speaker, in view of the fact that the minister's seemingly positive approach to this problem is getting him absolutely nowhere, I do not think I can agree with what he just said. In seven months sales of Japanese-made trucks increased 109 per cent while 21 per cent of all cars sold in Canada were built in Japan. Since there are no further restrictions on Japanese cars, the Japanese will still be able to claim at least 21 per cent or 22 per cent of our market while truck sales could double again. I ask the minister once more how can he continue to reject a 15 per cent surcharge which would simply equalize the price of Japanese and North American produced vehicles here in Canada?

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of State (International Trade)): Madam Speaker, as I have indicated several times in the last three or four weeks, we would much prefer to have a voluntary restraint quota agreed to by the Japanese.

An hon. Member: Are there negotiations going on?

Mr. Lumley: This matter is under negotiation, Madam Speaker. Negotiations of this magnitude do not come to a conclusion overnight, or in 48 hours. I am very hopeful that we will still arrive at a positive conclusion.

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AGRICULTURE

ANDERSON-VANDERMEULEN REPORT ON BEEF INDUSTRY

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the very difficult problems of pricing, marketing, and import costs facing Canadian beef producers, can the minister tell the House whether he will be releasing the Anderson-Vandermeulen study which he commissioned some time last fall? Would he tell the House what actions he is planning to assist this industry as a result of this report?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Madam Speaker, the Anderson-Vandermeulen report referred to by the hon. member has been completed. We have submitted it to the department. The department is considering this report in conjunction with work which the department has been doing, the questionnaire that I sent to some 230,000 beef producers

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and the Senate report. I hope to have something that I can make public in the very near future and which I hope will be for the betterment of the beef industry.

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FINANCE

PROCESSING OF INCOME TAX RETURNS—TELEX SENT TO REVENUE CANADA OFFICE IN VANCOUVER

Miss Pat Carney (Vancouver Centre): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. Yesterday the minister denied in the House that there was any delay caused by his inability to bring budget measures before the House. As reported at page 16139 of *Hansard* for April 5, 1982, the minister said:

Madam Speaker, there is no delay attributable to any confusion arising from the Ways and Means motions.

Therefore I would like to draw to the minister's attention a telex that was sent from a Revenue Canada official in Ottawa to the Revenue Canada district office in Vancouver, which reads:

Taxpayers have been encouraged to file 1981 and 1982 T1 and T2 returns on the basis of budget proposals to avoid a retroactive effect. Returns filed on this basis will not be processed until the legislation has been approved by Parliament.

Here we have an official statement saying that the taxpayers' returns will not be processed until the legislation has been approved by Parliament. Since 75 per cent of Canadians get refunds, and since this budget morass is not of their making, why does the minister not resolve the problem by simply delaying the effective date of the legislation involved so that these taxpayers' returns can be processed and Canadians can get the money they so badly need?

Mr. Mazankowski: That is too reasonable.

[Translation]

Mr. Claude Tessier (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Revenue): Madam Speaker, the Minister of National Revenue will be in the House tomorrow. I have taken note of the hon. member's question and her views, and the minister will act in the best interests of Canadian taxpayers.

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IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES

Miss Pat Carney (Vancouver Centre): Madam Speaker, I will address my supplementary again to the Minister of Finance because it is his budget. At least that is what we are told.

Officials are urging people who really need the money to file under the conditions existing prior to the November budget, and therefore risk having to pay interest and penalties. Since the responsibility for this sad state of affairs rests with the Minister of Finance, is he willing to suggest to his colleague,