

*Control of Drug Abuse*

thing about it, since the federal and provincial governments are primarily responsible for that economic and social security.

In this regard, Mr. Speaker, so long as the federal government merely takes steps in co-operation with medical organizations and associations to control consumption and distribution of drugs legally prescribed, so long as it does not take any drastic steps to control unlawful consumption and distribution, so long as it fails to take economic and social measures enabling young Canadians to live in economic and social security, so long as it continues marking time on this issue, the government will be channeling Canadians towards the use of drugs.

That is why we are concerned with the government's attitude, its apathy, its complacency in regard to the findings of the LeDain report. We are anxious to know, at the earliest, the position of the government which is hedging behind the report for the purpose of obtaining the votes of young people, whereas I consider saving these young people and giving them security to be more important than securing their votes.

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[Translation]

**INDUSTRY**

## FOOTWEAR—TABLING OF STUDY ON MARKETING

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, to comply with the request of several hon. members and in accordance with Standing Order 41(2), I should like to table in the two official languages copies of a study on marketing in the Canadian footwear industry.

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[English]

**TRANSPORTATION**

## RAIL FREIGHT RATES, ATLANTIC PROVINCES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Charles H. Thomas (Moncton):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43 I ask the unanimous consent of the House to propose a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity to the Atlantic provinces. It arises out of the latest increase in rail freight rates, the eighth in the past 29 months, and the imminence of a further 2.5 per cent decrease in subsidies and a corresponding increase in freight rates. Since these increases have worked hardship on industries in the area and are prejudicial to the public interest I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Cumberland-Colchester North (Mr. Coates):

That this House urge the government to immediately impose a freeze on rail freight rates until a new Atlantic transportation policy, embodying the proposals of the twelfth report of the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications, is formulated.

**Mr. Speaker:** This motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

[Mr. Fortin.]

**Mr. Speaker:** There is not unanimity and the motion cannot be put.

**ORAL QUESTION PERIOD****THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**

## UNEMPLOYMENT FORECAST FOR YEAR—FURTHER STIMULATION OF PRIVATE SECTOR—MEASURES TO OFFSET U.S. DISC PROGRAM

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Finance, now that he has been in his new post for some time, a question of great public interest. Would he give us his forecast with regard to the rate of unemployment in Canada for the balance of the year? Can he give us his forecast as to the amount by which unemployment will be reduced by the end of 1972?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I expect to deal with that subject later today in the Throne Speech debate.

**Mr. Stanfield:** I beg your pardon?

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, I ask the hon. gentleman to wait. I expect to deal with that subject later today in the Throne Speech debate.

**Mr. Lewis:** There is no guarantee that the minister will.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to wait hopefully. May I ask the minister during the course of his participation in the Throne Speech debate, and now that he has had a full opportunity, as I am sure he has, to study the recent report of the Economic Council of Canada, he will indicate whether he is satisfied that investment in the private sector in Canada requires further stimulation in order to achieve satisfactory employment results?

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** Again, Mr. Speaker, I will be dealing with that. However, I think the report to which the hon. gentleman referred was itself cautious in that it recognized that the results of the survey were affected by the widespread uncertainty at the time that the mid-October survey was conducted. The report or survey of the Economic Council said that the trends indicated were susceptible to substantial change in response to the alteration in business conditions and the economic outlook. I remind the hon. gentleman that two key developments occurred after that survey was taken. They are the October 14 announcement of new economic measures by the government and, second, the international agreement on exchange rates.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Mr. Speaker, I had hoped that the new minister would not exhibit the deplorable complacency that the Prime Minister exhibited yesterday.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. We have not yet reached the debate. We should ask questions and give answers at this time.