

Oral Questions

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF GUIDELINES AND/OR DRAFT BILL BEFORE SUMMER RECESS

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether it is now his intention to bring before the House before the summer recess the promised guidelines and/or draft bill regarding conflict of interest?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Yes, Mr. Speaker, provided the House does not recess too soon.

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INDUSTRY

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OUTLINING GOVERNMENT'S INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY IN LIGHT OF SCIENCE COUNCIL STATEMENT ON CONTRACTING OUT OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Harvie Andre (Calgary Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister and arises out of a statement in the 1972-73 annual report of the Science Council that the recently implemented policy of contracting out research and development can only be effective if it is co-ordinated with this country's industrial strategy. My question therefore is, when will the government be issuing its industrial strategy so that this contracting out of research and development can be made effective?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, on the question of industrial strategy I would have to refer the member to answers the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce has given many times in and out of the House.

Mr. Hees: That was no answer. There was nothing in it.

Mr. Andre: Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister in view of the fact that the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce on several occasions has said he is unable to come up with an industrial strategy—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member should ask his question. It is not necessary to explain why he is asking it. The hon. member has been recognized for the purpose of asking a supplementary.

Mr. Andre: Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether or not a cabinet decision has been made to issue a statement outlining this country's industrial strategy?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I repeat my previous answer. The Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce has indicated several times in answer to questions that the government has many elements of an industrial strategy.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Simcoe North and then call orders of the day.

[Mr. Trudeau.]

HEALTH

REQUEST FOR FUNDS TO STUDY GENETIC DEFECTS

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the recent disturbing findings that 25 per cent to 30 per cent of all pediatric admissions to the wards of children's hospitals are the result of genetic defects which were in most cases unknown to the parents and shocking and upsetting to them when they became known, will the minister make funds available to study the matter further in order to meet this distressing problem?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for giving me notice of this question. I should like to advise him that the Medical Research Council is providing about \$700,000 in grants for this particular purpose and the Bureau of Human Ecology in my department through the national health grant is providing another \$125,000 in grants for that particular purpose.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the acting government House leader, who I assume is the Minister of Justice, about the business of the House for this week and next week. In light of the rather vague way in which it was left yesterday, might I ask if the minister would take note of the fact that this party feels that the election expenses bill should be passed before this House recesses,—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Baldwin:—either in its present form or in some improved form? Will the minister undertake that the House will not recess until that bill has been debated and approved in all stages?

● (1510)

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, it would be our expectation to call the Olympics bill today, Bill C-196, followed by the crop insurance bill, the Parole Board amendments, and the Canada Pension Plan amendments, and to complete them tomorrow if possible. On Tuesday, we would expect to return to income tax bills Nos. 2 and 3 and complete them; then proceed to the electoral boundaries bill, the election expenses legislation and the other two tax bills that are on the order paper. It is certainly our hope that we can move forward with much of the important legislation before us, including the election expenses legislation. I am glad that the hon. member for Peace River has now made clear what seemed to be cloudy yesterday, namely, that they seriously want to see it passed.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Hees: There are no clouds over here.