

Inquiries of the Ministry

use his good offices to arrange the business of the house so that we might bring forward the bill in the name of the hon. member for York East (Mr. Otto) to bring about the relief in regard to old age security that I believe the house now desires.

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**STEPS TO MEET INCREASE IN COST OF LIVING**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. R. Ballard (Calgary South): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Prime Minister a question. In view of the concern across Canada relative to the increase of the price of food, would the Prime Minister assure the house that the government is taking steps to stop the spiralling cost of living?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This also is a question of a very general nature which cannot be accepted at this time.

INCOME TAX**REQUEST FOR INCREASED EXEMPTION FOR MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo South): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Revenue. Can the minister inform the house whether he has received representations from the Ontario Municipal Association requesting an increase in the exemption respecting remuneration paid to municipal councillors, and if so, what action does the minister intend to take regarding this request?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest the hon. member place this question on the order paper.

INDUSTRY**AUTOMOBILE PARTS—RECOGNITION OF CANADIAN COMPANIES AS ESTABLISHED SUPPLIERS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South): May I direct a question to the Minister of Industry. What steps does the minister propose to take to stop the practice which apparently exists whereby Canadian car part manufacturers have been told that they will not receive any orders unless their companies have first been recognized as established suppliers, and that this certification must come from the United States head offices of Canadian car manufacturers?

[Mr. Winkler.]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I believe this is a very important question, but it seems to me that it could easily be placed on the order paper with the hope that an answer will be received at an early date.

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege at this time. I have listened today during the question period, to you advising members to place their questions on the order paper, and I agree with you that this should be the case. On the other hand, when you look over the orders of the day and find that over 450 questions remain unanswered you begin to wonder whether there is any use in putting questions on the order paper. Today, for example, there were some 40 of this group of 400 or 500 questions answered. If we are not going to get answers within a reasonable time to questions that are being placed on the order paper, there is no use putting them there, especially when we cannot get answers on orders of the day even from the ministers.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF LABOUR SAFETY CODE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): My question is directed to the Minister of Labour. Can he say when the proposed legislation to be known as the Canada labour safety code will be on the order paper?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): At an early date, Mr. Speaker. I cannot suggest any definite date at this time.

Mr. Knowles: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister say whether this legislation will include the health and sanitation provisions which were discussed last week with the Canadian Railway Labour Executives Association?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

LABOUR RELATIONS**INQUIRY AS TO STRIKE AT ATOMIC ENERGY REACTOR**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): May I direct a question to the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys and ask him if he has had an opportunity since Friday to make inquiries in connection with the strike at the