Inquiries of the Ministry COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS

KENYA-PROTESTS AGAINST ALLEGED

RACIST POLICIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister. Has the government made any representations to or inquiries of the government of Kenya, either directly or through the Commonwealth secretariat, with respect to the alleged racist policies presently being carried out by the government of that country against its Commonwealth residents of Asian origin?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker, not to my knowledge.

HIGHWAY SAFETY

APPLICATION IN CANADA OF AUTOMOBILE ANTI-POLLUTION STANDARD

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Heward Grafftey (Brome-Missisquoi): Mr. Speaker, now that officials have completed the relevant studies, and in that Washington has ordered anti-pollution standards for 1968 motor vehicles, I ask the Minister of National Health and Welfare why Ottawa has not invoked similar standards for the safety of Canadians.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The question as asked is argumentative.

Mr. Grafftey: Could I re-fuse the question, Mr. Speaker?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Pearson: Re-fuse is right.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): Put a longer fuse on it.

Mr. Grafftey: May I rephrase the question to the minister. Has the minister been informed that the anti-pollution vehicle standard now law in the United States is being offered to Canadian citizens as an extra cost optional?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I thank my hon. friend for informing me of this. I have already been aware of it.

Mr. Grafftey: Well, I am aware of it, and I [Mr. Pepin.]

depend on United States legislation for protection, will the Minister of Transport proceed immediately to invoke motor vehicle safety standards for the protection of Canadians?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member is making a representation. I am sure it has been noted by the minister.

Mr. Grafftey: I did not hear your ruling, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: I suggested to the hon. member that he had made a representation to the minister which I assume has been noted.

Mr. Grafftey: Mr. Speaker, I assure the minister that it is not a representation. It is a clear call for action and justice.

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

INQUIRY AS TO ACTION RESPECTING OFF-SHORE MINERAL RIGHTS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct this question to the right hon. Prime Minister. Some months ago, following the decision of the Supreme Court with regard to the matter of off-shore rights relating to British Columbia, the Prime Minister was asked in the house what next step the government proposed to take with regard to following this decision. In view of the reply that the matter was under study, is the Prime Minister yet in a position to inform the house what steps this government proposes to take.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Not at the moment, Mr. Speaker. I hope to be able to do so shortly.

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Mr. Speaker, am I to understand from the reply of the Prime Minister that this study is not complete despite the fact that the crown corporation has purchased the mineral rights from Dosco?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH BEFORE RECESS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Cenwould now ask the Minister of Transport a tre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for either supplementary question. Since this situation the Prime Minister or the government house clearly demonstrates that Canadians cannot leader and it is supplementary to my question