

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

trying to be witty from time to time, even when he only half succeeds. But I do not have a copy of the report. I am referring to an item which appeared in the newspapers containing the remarks of the chairman of the Canadian section of the International Joint Commission, and I am simply asking when this important report, which the chairman describes as being the most comprehensive yet compiled, will be made public, because it will be of great interest to the people. I submit I should be allowed to ask that question without any facetious interjections.

**COMBINES****DRUGS—PRICE FIXING BY B.C. PHARMACISTS**

**Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):** I have a question for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In view of the serious implications for all federally and provincially sponsored drug programs arising from the decision of the B.C. Professional Pharmacists Society to make a one dollar surcharge on prescriptions for welfare patients, and in view of the request a week ago by British Columbia's welfare minister that the combines investigation branch be asked for a speedy decision in this connection, may I ask the minister what has been the result of this request to date?

**Mr. Speaker:** I am not sure whether this is not the type of question which should be discussed at the time of adjournment or placed on the order paper.

**Mrs. MacInnis:** With all due respect, Mr. Speaker, I think this is an important question because the welfare minister stated that drug-gists already receive no lower—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The matter may be important but I suggest the hon. member is, rather, looking for an argument with the minister, and I do not think in its present form the question can be accepted. If there is urgency, the hon. member knows that under the rules she can give notice and the matter will be considered at the time of the adjournment.

**Mrs. MacInnis:** There is one final point I should like to make, Mr. Speaker. I believe the minister was rising to answer my question.

**Mr. Speaker:** He can rise just as easily at ten o'clock.

[Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands).]

**CONSUMER AFFAIRS****INQUIRY AS TO SETTING UP OF PRICES AND INCOMES COMMISSION**

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** A supplementary question—

**Mr. Speaker:** There cannot be a supplementary. The hon. member could ask a related questions, perhaps.

**Mr. Baldwin:** It is a related and equally non-argumentative question. Has the minister yet had a productive meeting of minds with the Prime Minister so that the names of those who are to be members of the prices and wages board can be announced?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Our minds are in the process of meeting, Mr. Speaker.

**RESEARCH****ACTION ON MACDONALD REPORT ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH**

**Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State. Is the minister now in a position to answer the question I directed to the Prime Minister on Friday last and which he said the Secretary of State would answer when he was next in the house? My question is: What procedure does the government intend to follow to deal with the wide-ranging recommendations of the Macdonald report on scientific research?

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** I do not think, Mr. Speaker, that this report has been available long enough to expect from the government a detailed and immediate policy. Its content has been known to us since last Thursday only. I could not even say how this report affects the responsibilities of my own department.

[*English*]

**COMPANY OF YOUNG CANADIANS****PROCEDURE TOWARD APPOINTMENT OF PERMANENT COUNCIL**

**Mr. David Lewis (York South):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Secretary of State, of which I have given him notice. In view of the fact that the statute that three years ago set up the Company of Young Canadians provided that there be a