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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM—REQUEST FOR IDENTIFICATION OF EXEMPTIONS FROM PROFIT GUIDELINES

Mr. Bill Jarvis (Perth-Wilmot): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance and it relates to profit guideline exemptions. It is related somewhat to the questions put to the minister earlier by the leader of the NDP. Considering that the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce has suggested that industry profits which are reinvested in projects to increase productive capacity may not be covered by the guidelines, will the minister identify all the exemptions that are to be permitted from the profit guidelines and whether any company which reinvests its earnings in productive capacity increases will be exempted from these controls?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I have confirmed with the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce that his remarks were with respect to profits from the export business. We will be bringing forward some proposals with regard to a special levy.

ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM—NUMBER OF COMPANIES TO WHICH GUIDELINES ON PROFIT-FLOW BETWEEN SUBSIDIARY AND PARENT APPLICABLE

Mr. Bill Jarvis (Perth-Wilmot): Mr. Speaker, as the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce is prepared to consider profit flows from subsidiary to parent organizations as a special case in the application of profit guidelines, will the minister explain to the House in what way subsidiary-parent transfers are indeed special, and inform the House of his estimate of how many companies there are to which such a special arrangement might apply?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. As the hon. member knows, the bill is before the standing committee and therefore that kind of question should not be put to the minister here.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LEBANON—SAFETY OF CANADIAN NATIONALS AND FUNCTIONING CONSULATE

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the honourable and learned Secretary of State for External Affairs, whom I welcome back from ceillidh, and it is in reference to the regrettable situation in Lebanon. Can he report to the House on the continuing function of our mission and the safety of Canadian nationals there?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs): I thank my hon. friend for his welcome. The situation is that the Canadian mission has been advising Canadians for some days now, that unless there are

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compelling reasons to remain, they should leave the city and leave the country. With respect to the embassy staff, the policy is to send out dependants and other members of the staff who are not able in the circumstances to carry out their functions effectively. There is no question of closing the embassy or removing it. The embassy will continue to function in order to provide consular services to Canadians still remaining in the country. To my knowledge, as of yesterday it was still possible to leave by way of commercial airline and the authorities were providing security and assistance for persons who wanted to take advantage of that possibility.

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ENERGY

ELDORADO—IMPORTATION OF EUROPEAN WORKERS—GOVERNMENT ACTION TO PREVENT

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. A week ago a telegram was sent to the minister, the Minister of Manpower and Immigration and other ministers in connection with Eldorado Nuclear Limited importing into Canada some 60 Europeans when there are available in northern Saskatchewan close to Uranium City 128 Indians and Metis who have the necessary physical and mental capacity to fill the positions. Has he consulted with the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development in this connection, and will he assure the House that the company will be informed clearly and definitely that it is not in keeping with the Canadian spirit to import Europeans when Canadians are available for employment?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, we have been in touch with the President of Eldorado and we have discussed the program with the company with respect to the employment of these people. I can assure the hon. member that there are such persons, that is Indians, on strength at present and we are most anxious to increase the number and to provide training facilities so that they can take their place along with others.

Mr. Diefenbaker: In the meantime, has the minister suggested to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration and with the assistance and support of the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development that this group of Europeans should be told to stay over there so that the positions can be filled when the Indians and Metis have the necessary training, which at present has been denied to them?

Mr. Gillespie: I should like to reassure the right hon. member again that we are making every effort—

Mr. Diefenbaker: But when?

Mr. Gillespie: —at the present time, and this has been going on for some months, if not longer. At the same time, there is a serious shortage of certain skills which are not available and which require many years of training. For