

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Hignett will be so; but it is not anticipated that such will be the situation.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, in view of the explanation given by the minister, does he agree that the president of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation did predict that as many as 35,000 fewer homes would be built this year?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I suggest to the right hon. Leader of the Opposition that in the way in which the question is put now—whether the minister agrees that the statement was made—is not in a form which might be acceptable.

FINANCE**REFUSAL OF LOANS BY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, I have a question in respect of the Industrial Development Bank which I should like to direct to the Minister of Finance. Have instructions gone forward from the government to dry up loans from the Industrial Development Bank, thereby affecting somewhat a possible expansion in Canadian construction?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): No, Mr. Speaker.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**POWER TO STANDING COMMITTEES TO SIT WHILE HOUSE SITTING**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. A. Olson (Medicine Hat): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. Would the Prime Minister consider giving the required notice of motion in this house so that the standing committees would be granted the power to sit while the house is sitting until consideration of all estimates referred to these committees have been considered.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I should like to think about that question before giving a definite reply.

[Translation]

[Later:]

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, may I ask a supplementary question? In such a case, would the Prime Minister suggest attending a committee session or a sitting of the house?

[Mr. Nicholson.]

Mr. Speaker: No, I do not think the question of the hon. member for Lapointe (Mr. Grégoire) can be entertained, since it is based on the possibility or the contingency that the proposition will be accepted. It is, then, a hypothetical question and, consequently, cannot be entertained.

Mr. Grégoire: In that case I shall put a supplementary but not hypothetical question. If the right hon. Prime Minister is called on for a decision, could he state his views to the hon. members as to whether the sittings of the house or the committee sessions should be attended.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The question errs in the same manner as the preceding one put by the hon. member. It is also unacceptable.

[English]

HEALTH AND WELFARE**CONTROL OF IMPORTATION OF MISLABELLED FOREIGN DRUGS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe East): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of National Health and Welfare, I should like to address a question to his parliamentary secretary, to whom I have sent notice of my question. This is a supplementary question arising out of the minister's partial answer to my question of March 24. Have checks now been completed concerning the importer of dangerously mislabelled drugs, and has the importer, the Lucas Company, been de-listed as an authorized supplier of drugs to Canada's armed forces.

Mrs. Margaret Rideout (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for giving me notice of his question. I will be pleased to bring it to the attention of the minister.

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Industry. Can the minister say whether the Lucas Company, referred to by the hon. member for Simcoe East is the same company to which his Department of Industry gave tax concessions, if they would locate in the former depressed area of Windsor?

Mr. Speaker: Order; I do not think that question is acceptable. Perhaps it should be placed on the order paper.