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until the government has actually been formed. I do not think it is desirable at this time that anything further should be said on this matter.

ATOMIC ENERGY**INQUIRY AS TO AMENDMENT OF CANADA-UNITED STATES BILATERAL AGREEMENT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Howard C. Green (Vancouver-Quadra):

Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Trade and Commerce whether an amendment has been negotiated between Canada and the United States to the atomic energy agreement? It is reported in the press this morning that some change has been made.

Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I intended to make an announcement today. It is understood between governments that the announcement will be made at 2.30 this afternoon.

On June 18 I advised the house that the government of the United States had proposed that the Canada-United States bilateral agreement on atomic energy should be amended to provide for an exchange of information with respect to the development, design, construction, operation and use of reactors for the propulsion of naval vessels, aircraft and land vehicles. I am now able to advise the house that the amendment has been signed. Copy of the amendment will be tabled in the house in the next few days.

CHEESE**REFERENCE TO PRESS REPORTS OF ALLEGED IMPURITIES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege, during the last week there have appeared some very disagreeable reports in the press regarding impurities to be found in Canadian cheese. I would like to assure hon. members of the house and people elsewhere that cheese from Oxford has neither manure nor mouse hair in it.

PIPE LINES**TRANS-CANADA PIPE LINES—PROSPECTS OF FINANCING WITHOUT EXPORT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Daniel McIvor (Fort William): Mr. Speaker, I did not give the Minister of Trade and Commerce any notice, but I do not think he needs any. I should like to know whether there is any foundation in fact for the article which appears on the front page

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of the *Globe and Mail* that there are enough orders for gas in Canada alone, without the United States, to make the gas pipe line pay?

Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Well, Mr. Speaker, all I can say is that orders have been received for quantities of gas which promise to make the pipe-line financeable without recourse to export sales.

[Later.]

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Roland Michener (St. Paul's): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. In view of the hopeful statement he has made as to the economic possibilities of the pipe line with respect to Canadian sales alone, is he now considering revising the program of providing government finances for the pipe line?

Mr. Howe (Port Arthur): Well, Mr. Speaker, when I reconsider anything to do with pipe-line arrangements we will have another three weeks' debate.

EGGS**INQUIRY AS TO REPORTED IMPORTS FROM POLAND**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. Wilfrid Dufresne (Quebec West): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. Yesterday, I asked the Minister of Trade and Commerce regarding the question I put on the order paper on June 1, and the answer he gave was as follows, as reported at page 5435 of *Hansard*:

Mr. Speaker, I gave a verbal answer to a similar question.

I would like to remind the minister that my question was completely different from the one that was asked by the hon. member for Nicolet-Yamaska (Mr. Boisvert), I think it was, some time early last week. Whenever it is possible for him to do so I would like the minister to answer the question I have put on the order paper.

Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, since I spoke in the house on this subject yesterday I find that my hon. friend's question is on the order paper. I have spoken to my staff about a prompt answer and I think the answer will be ready within the next day or so.

UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE**PROVISION FOR FEDERAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO COSTS IN PROVINCES**

Hon. Paul Martin (Minister of National Health and Welfare) moved the second reading of Bill No. 436, to authorize contributions