Inquiries of the Ministry

next week to table the resolutions dealing with the implementation of the Kennedy round, which will also be placed before the ways and means committee as I indicated in my budget message in June. I have told the house leader that I am ready to proceed at any time with all the resolutions.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

EQUIPPING OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITH EXHAUST CONTROLS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Heward Grafftey (Brome-Missisquoi): Mr. Speaker, in view of the speech made a few days ago in Toronto by the Minister of Trade and Commerce and the information recently placed before the Minister of National Health and Welfare, I now ask the Minister of National Health and Welfare if he is in a position to report to the house his department's findings in relation to making exhaust control features for motor vehicles a national standard.

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I attempted to give a résumé of the situation in the speech I made to the house a week ago Monday. The situation is that the control devices that have been developed are not fully effective even for the vehicles to which they may be attached. They are not applicable to the larger vehicles which are the greater sources of pollution. Of course it is desirable to use now whatever device is available that can reduce pollution to any extent, but we have to continue efforts in order to get a more effective device for multipurpose use.

Mr. Grafftey: Without being contentious, Mr. Speaker, I would simply ask this supplementary question. In view of the fact that the United States federal authority and the province of Ontario have already ordered these standards as the best we have, would the minister not consider ordering the installation of whatever devices we do have as soon as possible?

Mr. MacEachen: Yes, Mr. Speaker. In so far as I am able to order any automobile manufacturer to instal these devices I will be quite happy to do so, but I understand that already automobile manufacturers are attaching and propose to attach these devices to automobiles.

Mr. E. Nasserden (Rosthern): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a supplementary question

to the Prime Minister. It arises out of the announced decision of the government to defer establishing a C.B.C. station in Saskatoon—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member is asking a supplementary to a previous question. We are now dealing with a question raised by the hon. member for Brome-Missisquoi with reference to a matter on which the Minister of National Health and Welfare has made a statement. I believe the hon. member for New Westminster has a supplementary question on that subject.

Mr. Barry Mather (New Westminster): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Transport. Would the minister consider making an early statement as to the progress being made to implement the motor vehicle safety regulations which were announced a week or two ago?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I will be prepared to report to the house in due course. It will take some time for the department to determine which steps we should take, but I can assure my hon. friend that we are pursuing this matter with keen interest and vigour and I hope it will not be too long before we have something concrete to report to the house.

OLD AGE SECURITY

INCLUSION OF SAVINGS BOND ADVERTISE-MENTS WITH PENSION CHEQUES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. I have received several inquiries as to why the letters enclosing the monthly old age security payments also include pamphlets suggesting that the pensioners should purchase Canada savings bonds, and I think this matter should be explained in public. In view of the fact that many pensioners in receipt of old age security have to live on the pension, or little more, can the minister inform the house of the reason for this practice?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, the practice of including advertisements for Canada savings bonds was begun in 1960, I think on the occasion of the massive conversion, and I believe the practice has been continued ever since. It is not suggested that all old age pensioners are in a position to buy