

acquainted with the intricacies of the explanations, will have them available to them?

Mr. Stanbury: Yes. As I have indicated, Mr. Speaker, I shall be glad to press for an extension of this highly informational campaign into those additional media.

TAXATION OF DIVIDENDS

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of National Revenue. Is it the intention of his department to use the Fred Davis close-up advertisements to explain to the Canadian people the facts about the income tax on dividends and why Canadians are being asked to pay tax on money they never received?

Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member is one who took an active part in the debate on tax reform and he will know that the Department of National Revenue is administering and applying the law as he and other Members of Parliament passed it.

Mr. Hales: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Wellington for a last supplementary on this subject and then recognize the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie.

Mr. Hales: My supplementary will be brief. Does the minister propose to explain to the Canadian people how this comes about?

Mr. Stanbury: Yes. There have been some very excellent columns in some of the daily and weekly newspapers, contributed by chartered accountants and other professionals, on this subject, and I will send the hon. member copies of them.

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INDUSTRY

POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF ABITIBI MILL IN SAULT STE. MARIE—USE MADE OF DEVELOPMENT GRANTS BY COMPANY

Mr. Cyril Symes (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the fact that officials of the Abitibi Pulp and Paper Company in Sault Ste. Marie have openly threatened to close the mill unless the employees agree to certain conditions, would the minister inform the House what measures, if any, he contemplates taking to prevent such overt intimidation and what contingency plans he has for the 500 unemployed workers should the company close the mill?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, this matter has just been brought to my attention by my colleague, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. I will be looking into it from the point of view of the Department of Manpower

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and I think the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce may have additional information now or later.

[Later:]

Mr. Symes: May I direct my supplementary question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. Since Abitibi Pulp and Paper has received regional development grants in excess of \$300,000, does the minister intend to investigate this urgent matter and tell the House whether or not Abitibi funnelled DREE grants into its other operations, concurrently allowing the Sault Ste. Marie operation to become inefficient and outdated?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I shall be very glad to look into the question the hon. member has raised. I would doubt very much whether the last part of his question is correct, but I will refrain from being dogmatic about it until I have looked into it.

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[Translation]

CRIMINAL CODE

AMENDMENT RESPECTING ESTABLISHMENT OF CASINOS

Mr. Gilles Caouette (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Justice or the Solicitor General.

Following the efforts made by Quebec, does the minister intend to introduce a bill to amend the Criminal Code in order to allow the establishment of casinos?

[English]

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I think I would like to see the actual statement, if the hon. member would bring it to my attention. There has been an exchange in the House over the past months about the extent to which the law now allows for such things, and it may well be that it is provided for already.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

PLANS TO ASSIST CANADIAN INDUSTRIES RECEIVING GRANTS IF COUNTERVAILING DUTIES WIDELY APPLIED

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question either to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion or to the Prime Minister. Could either of these two gentlemen advise the House whether the government has any contingency plans to assist Canadian industries if the imposition of countervailing duties is widely applied against products manufactured by Canadian firms which receive DREE grants or other aid, or will we be reacting instead of acting?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I heard this question but I thought it was directed to another minister. In reply and without being evasive, I think it is hypothetical at the moment. There is no evidence of any further application