

Oral Questions

I have been meeting with the industry this week. Throughout the past two weeks we have adopted a very important role in this area and we are developing a long-term policy. We have rolled up our sleeves and helped people because we recognize that the whole purpose of having insurance is to help consumers and small businesses. We have met with small businesses and the industry. We are banging heads in order to get a solution to this problem on behalf of small businesses and consumers.

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AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY**CHRYSLER CORPORATION'S CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN**

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor-Walkerville): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion. Chrysler Corporation has announced a \$12 billion capital investment plan, including \$3.9 billion in the first year, none of which is going to be invested in Canada. Will the Minister initiate discussions with Chrysler to ensure that Canada will not be the odd one out and there will, in fact, be a fair share of that investment in Canada for the production of jobs and cars here?

Hon. Sinclair Stevens (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion): Mr. Speaker, let me assure the House that it is not a question of initiating discussions. We have had discussions with the Chrysler Corporation, including with Mr. Iacocca himself. I can assure you that their attitude with respect to possible investment in Canada is very positive.

Mr. McCurdy: That is encouraging.

WINDSOR ENGINE PLANT

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor-Walkerville): Mr. Speaker, in pursuing these discussions I hope the Minister will ensure that the idle engine plant in Windsor, with its one thousand workers, will resume production in Canada in the future, rather than continue the circumstances in which hundreds of thousands of engines are being imported into Canada from Japan, Mexico, and the United States.

Hon. Sinclair Stevens (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I will clearly take the Hon. Member's comments as a representation. Let me assure him that the Canadian automobile industry is doing very well at the present time and it is the Government's intention to ensure that its viability and prosperity will continue for many years to come.

TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS**PCB LEAK AT DIGBY, NOVA SCOTIA**

Mr. Gerald Comeau (South West Nova): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. I have learned this morning that there may be another PCB leak at the CP Express yard in Digby, Nova Scotia. Will the Minister inform the House what action the Government is taking in order to ensure the safety of my constituents?

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I was informed of the incident to which the Hon. Member has referred. My understanding is that there were some 12 transformers being transported by the Nova Scotia Power Corporation, one of which appears to be leaking. The dangerous goods representative from Transport Canada is *en route* to inspect this accident. As well, the provincial Department of the Environment officials and officials from Nova Scotia Power Corporation are on their way to take samples and determine the percentage level of PCBs.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**ALLEGED SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF WOMEN MEMBERS**

Mr. John Nunziata (York South-Weston): Mr. Speaker, yesterday I asked the Solicitor General to initiate an independent investigation into allegations of sexual harassment and sexual discrimination in the RCMP. The Solicitor General refused.

Therefore I, on behalf of the Liberal Party, had no alternative but to file an official third party complaint under the Human Rights Act.

Will the Solicitor General co-operate and facilitate this independent investigation by the Human Rights Commission into the very serious allegations of sexual harassment in the RCMP?

Hon. Perrin Beatty (Solicitor General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, I was waiting with interest to see whether the Hon. Member would have the nerve to raise the issue again today in light of his behaviour yesterday.

The House will recall that yesterday the Hon. Member, quite improperly in the House of Commons, used the name of one constable and alleged that she was alleging that she was a victim of sexual harassment.

Unlike the Hon. Member, I have had a chance to speak to that individual who is a well respected member of the Force, who certainly did not give her consent to be used in this way by the Liberal Party.

Some Hon. Members: Shame!

Mr. Beatty: I want to indicate, and the Hon. Member is free to talk to this constable if he would like to, that the constable