

I know that there is concern on the part of the company about their ability to do so, but at the present time I do not have any information which would change the view I have previously expressed, which is that I believe the company will be able to meet those objectives.

Mr. McMillan: Madam Speaker, I have a supplementary for the Minister of the Environment. Given that the minister himself and the leader of the Liberal party in Ontario quoted quite extensively from what seemed to be private, confidential studies from the federal Department of the Environment arguing that Inco can, in fact, adhere to the provisions of the control order and, indeed, can go well beyond that in terms of lowering its acid rain producing emissions, will the minister table such studies in this House so that we, as members of Parliament, and the public at large can assess the validity of the statements made by people like the president of Inco, that they cannot adhere to those pollution control standards?

Mr. Roberts: Madam Speaker, the view that we expressed was that within four or five years we believe that Inco would be able to bring down the level of emissions considerably below those indicated in the first two stages of the control order.

We have announced that we will be prepared to make available the study on which that estimation was based. However, it would have to be done in a way in which certain names and certain aspects of the information, which were given to us on a confidential basis, were removed. But I have already indicated that the substance of the report would be made available to those who wish to see it.

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INDUSTRY

REBATE PROGRAM FOR CANADIAN PURCHASERS OF AUTOMOBILES

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain): Madam Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. I am going to ask it very quietly, so I do not offend him.

The minister no doubt noticed that there has been a dramatic downturn in the sale of North American-built vehicles in Canada, and a dramatic downturn in the sale of Canadian-built vehicles in Canada. When can we expect to see the introduction in Canada of a rebate program similar to the one introduced by the Big Three in the United States, in order to assist not only the workers but the dealers and the consumers in this country?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Madam Speaker, the rebates mentioned by my hon. friend have been as a result of reaction by the motor vehicle manufacturers in the United States to market conditions there. I will certainly be checking with them urgently to see whether they are contemplating similar action here.

An hon. Member: You said that two weeks ago.

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Mr. Gray: Certainly, one would want to offer to Canadian consumers opportunities similar to those available in the United States where the market conditions are also similar.

Mr. Deans: Madam Speaker, if I understood the minister correctly, he said that he would check into it to see.

An hon. Member: Two weeks ago he said that.

Mr. Deans: I am sure the minister is not sufficiently absent-minded not to recall that he said the same thing on May 16. Has the minister checked? What was the answer? And when can we expect to see the rebates?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Gray: Madam Speaker, I think my hon. friend has demonstrated that he is the absent-minded one, because his question related to Chrysler Corporation.

Mr. Deans: I did not ask the question; the hon. member for Churchill did.

Mr. Gray: My hon. friend says the question was from the hon. member for Churchill. I knew there were a lot of divisions in that party, but I did not realize they were so severe that one member does not take credit for something asked by another one.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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Mr. Gray: Madam Speaker, my hon. friend may already be planning to launch a leadership campaign of the type he launched unsuccessfully at the provincial level, and which caused him to abandon provincial politics and come to the federal scene. Perhaps the municipal scene will be next for him.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Gray: We did make inquiries of Chrysler Corporation. Their response was that market conditions at that time had not justified a similar response here. If my hon. friend is in agreement that the market situation here has deteriorated to an equivalent level to that in the United States, I am sure he will be happy to join with me in adding to the force of my representations with respect to all the automotive companies here.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

INQUIRY AS TO CONSTRUCTION OF TRANSMITTER IN CHAPLEAU, ONT.

Mr. Ray Chénier (Timmins-Chapleau): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State and Minister of Communications, responsible as he is for the Canadian Broad-