

publicizing any monopolistic tendencies which may exist, of determining whether the market power of any group or groups is sufficient to impair the workings of a competitive market and whether there are any undue barriers to entry.

*Recommendation:*

That the Joint Committee on Consumer Credit (Prices) continue with its investigation of concentration in the food industry.

12. *Price Control*

The view is sometimes expressed that price control by government edict is the easy answer to price stability. All the witnesses who were questioned on this matter disagreed with the opinion and demonstrated clearly that this was an unworkable and unrealistic solution. Your Committee concurs in the conclusion that price control is a fallacious method of attempting to control any general increase in prices. It notes, furthermore, that the federal government does not have the constitutional power to enter this field.

13. *Co-Operatives*

In order to meet its self-imposed deadline of an interim report in December, your Committee did not have an opportunity to call witnesses on co-operative organizations, but recognizing the importance of the movement intends to do so.

A copy of the relevant Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence (*Issues Nos. 2 to 41*) is tabled.

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*(The Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence accompanying the said Report recorded as Appendix No. 76 to the Journals).*

Mr. Marchand, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid before the House,—Copy of Department of Manpower and Immigration Administrative Circular No. 1-12-1, dated December 4, 1966, cancelling certain employment circulars. (English and French).

Pursuant to Standing Order 39(4) the following twelve Questions were made Orders of the House for Returns, namely:

No. 2,595—*Mr. Southam*

1. What is the direct impact upon the Canadian economy of foreign purchases in support of military activity in Vietnam, in terms of (a) quantities of Canadian raw materials, semi-finished products, finished products, components (b) export value, in the same categories (c) direct employment of Canadian citizens?

2. What is the current and the long-term impact of the above, on the basis of contracts which have been (a) arranged or sponsored directly by the Government of Canada or any of its agencies (b) allocated by foreign corporations to their own Canadian subsidiaries (c) arranged directly on the corporate initiative of Canadian-controlled companies?