

secret? When is he going to publish the report and what is he going to do about it?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to make it public as soon as possible. I will have to see if the translation is completed.

**Mr. Lawrence:** A supplementary question. What is the minister going to do about the allegations of high radioactive levels and high toxicity levels in those dumps in the area around Port Hope?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, perhaps I could remind the hon. member of the briefing I gave him privately and the response made publicly in this House that the sites had been examined. In some cases, they will have increasing security and in other cases, in conjunction with the Department of the Environment and the province of Ontario, there will be further monitoring. Although there may not be an immediate risk, this will make certain the situation is kept under close control.

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#### INFORMATION

##### POSSIBLE COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF PRACTICE OF MAILING COPIES OF MINISTERS' SPEECHES AND COMMUNIQUÉS TO RADIO STATIONS

**Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Supply and Services as a result of a query from a constituent and I am sure it can be related to all constituencies in Canada. In order to cut back on government expenditure, as suggested by the Minister of Finance in his last budget, and considering the tremendous increase in the cost of paper and labour, has the government undertaken a cost-benefit analysis of sending speeches and communiqués from the offices of ministers to civic officials, radio stations, etc. across Canada, when such mail cannot reach points in Alberta earlier than three to four days and as late as 15 days from date of release? I have an example of that in my hand.

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#### FINANCE

##### DATE OF INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO INCREASE RETURN ON ANNUITIES—REQUEST FOR DETAILS

**Mr. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. The budget speech announced that legislation would be introduced to increase the rate of return on existing government of Canada annuities. Can the minister inform the House when the legislation will be introduced and will it be similar to the ten cent tax on gas, that is effective June 23, and can he tell the House how much the increase will be?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, the House leader replied to a similar question to the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre last week.

#### Oral Questions

Legislation is required and will be introduced early after the resumption of the present session of parliament in the fall. At the moment, the Department of Finance and other departments, including Manpower and Immigration, Revenue and Labour, are working out the details of what the escalation for interest and capital funding should be.

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#### AGRICULTURE

##### INDUSTRIAL MILK—REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF LEVY

**Mr. Bruce Halliday (Oxford):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. It relates and may be supplementary to the question asked by the hon. member for Hastings, which the minister chose not to answer. I will try to word the question in a way that will merit an answer. With regard to the 100 per cent increase in the levy on industrial milk, does the minister have any plans to help relieve the pressure on the industrial milk producer who is in debt to the bank for considerable sums of money, thus threatening his livelihood on the farm? I ask that with regard to the short-term view. In a long-term view, when will the minister be developing a policy to help stabilize the return on industrial milk over the long run?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Twice the minister has been asked that and twice he has said he has nothing to add.

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#### PETRO-CANADA

##### INQUIRY WHETHER MR. JACK AUSTIN HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO A SENIOR POSITION IN CORPORATION

**Mr. Harvie Andre (Calgary Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Can the minister confirm or deny press speculation that Mr. Jack Austin, currently of the Prime Minister's Office, has received a senior appointment with Petro-Canada? If the answer is in the affirmative, will the minister advise how this can be reconciled with the act that requires senior appointments to be made by the board of directors?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, no decisions have yet been made on senior personnel for Petro-Canada.

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#### COMMUNICATIONS

##### ALLEGED MONITORING OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS BY RUSSIANS—REQUEST FOR REPORT

**Mr. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Communications of which I have given him notice. I understand the minister has conducted an investigation into the disclosure in last Wednesday's Toronto *Star* that