

which occurred in the first two quarters because there was very strong growth in the first quarter and positive growth in the second quarter of 1981.

Another factor which must be taken into account, obviously, is that those people who revise their forecasts every few days do so on the same basis of taking current trends and projecting them over longer periods of time, which has the effect of creating the picture of a somewhat softer international market in many sectors, but particularly in the energy sector. So I expect that the prognosticators in the Department of Finance and other departments of government where prognostications are made will also adjust to what the real world is at present, thereby alternating the projections made last September and October.

**Senator Murray:** Honourable senators, that being the case, can the minister explain why the Minister of Finance, when the year was almost 11 months completed, persisted in projecting economic growth at 3.6 per cent when it turned out to be at no more than 3 per cent?

**Senator Olson:** That projection is reasonably close.

**Senator Balfour:** It is only 20 per cent out.

**Senator Olson:** What my honourable friend ought to know is that there is usually a bit of delay while the statistics are being gathered from the quarter. Those statistics are not available on the last day of that quarter. Considering that, I am sure that my honourable friend will find that Department of Finance and other departments are being as open, frank and forthcoming as is possible under the circumstances.

### CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

#### RESTRICTIVE TRADE PRACTICES COMMISSION—INVESTIGATION OF CANADIAN JAVELIN LIMITED

**Hon. Nathan Nurgitz:** Honourable senators, I have a question for the Leader of the Government in the Senate and one which, I appreciate, he will have to take as notice, but I hope and expect he will give us an answer at the next sitting. It relates to a matter dealing with the Restrictive Trade Practices Commission and an investigation which it is conducting into the affairs of Canadian Javelin Limited. Will the Leader of the Government ascertain for us whether a statement of evidence prepared for the commission will be either tabled, published or made public in some manner? I do know that the Chairman of the Restrictive Trade Practices Commission has indicated that the documents are public documents.

**Hon. Raymond J. Perrault (Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, the question will be taken as notice, though I am given to understand that the matter will be dealt with in accordance with the terms of the act. But I shall bring a more complete explanation to the chamber.

**Senator Nurgitz:** Honourable senators, while at this point it is not ascertainable whether those documents can be tabled or even released, I am aware of some documents which are in circulation, and in which the chairman of the commission in

fact indicates that these documents are public documents. I do not know if, in fact, that is the case.

**Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government):** The documents have probably been circulated, according to the statute, to the people involved and to the people who are to appear before the commission.

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**Senator Nurgitz:** I would direct my question to the deputy leader and go one step further: That statement was delivered to a non-party to the proceedings with the notation: "This is a public document."

**Senator Perrault:** The question will be taken as notice.

### THE ECONOMY

#### INCREASE IN CAPITAL OUTFLOW

**Hon. R. James Balfour:** Honourable senators, I would direct my question to the Minister of State for Economic Development. Is the minister's failure to respond to my question concerning the alarming rate of capital outflow during 1981 the result of his unwillingness or his inability to answer the question?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of State for Economic Development):** No, it is not related to our inability to answer the question, nor is it related to our unwillingness to answer the question. As a matter of fact, I believe I have that answer with me today. If the honourable senator will allow me a few minutes, I will locate that answer.

### THE CABINET

#### HON. H. A. OLSON, P.C.—DESIGNATION

**Hon. Arthur Tremblay:** My question is for the Minister of State for Economic Development. How should we address him in terms of his cabinet responsibility?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of State for Economic Development):** I can answer that without further explanation.

**Senator Tremblay:** Appended to the *Debates of the Senate* of March 2 is a list of the ministry which indicates that Senator Olson should be addressed as "Minister of State for Economic Development," and that the Honourable Herbert Gray should be addressed as "Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion." Does, in fact, the Honourable Herbert Gray have responsibility for regional economic expansion, and does Senator Olson no longer have responsibility for that department?

**Senator Olson:** The change in the designation of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion, commonly known as DREE, is not effective until Parliament gives statutory approval to the change. In the meantime, the Honourable Herbert Gray is the minister responsible for DREE and the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. When the statutory changes are made, the Department of Regional Economic