

Canada-U.S. Automobile Agreement

motive parts from the United States will be reduced by \$260 million by 1968? Otherwise, where will this \$260 million go?

Mr. Drury: Mr. Speaker, if our imports from the United States remain exactly at their present level and Canadian production goes up by \$260 million per year, and all of that went out of the country, then obviously the balance of payments deficit would be reduced by \$260 million. However, while we do expect our exports to increase substantially, there will also be at the same time an increase in imports.

Mr. Winkler: I have a question for the Minister.

Mr. Cameron (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): May I put a question to the Minister.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I understand the hon. member for Grey-Bruce (Mr. Winkler) is rising to ask a question of the Minister.

Mr. Winkler: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a rather general question. Earlier in his remarks the Minister made a general statement about the desirability of lowering tariffs. This may be so, but I would like the Minister to assure the House and the country that where consideration of reducing tariffs will adversely affect Canadian secondary industry, such will not take place.

Mr. Drury: Mr. Speaker, I do not think that this Government or indeed any Government would like to take steps which would adversely affect secondary industry.

Mr. Cameron (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): May I put a question to the Minister. Have any estimates been made as to the increase in employment in respect of this agreement? Is there any estimate of the number of those who will be employed?

Mr. Drury: Yes, Mr. Speaker, a great many estimates have been made. However, until such time as the manufacturing plans of both motor car manufacturers and component manufacturers are known, it is difficult to say with any precision what will be the number of additional jobs which will be created, substantial though it may be. I have refrained and will continue to refrain from making any guesses as to the number of additional jobs one could expect as a result of this program.

Mr. Cameron (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Have there been any estimates as to

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the proportion of the \$260 million which would be distributed in wages?

Mr. Drury: No, Mr. Speaker.

PRIVILEGE

MR. ASSELIN, NOTRE DAME DE GRÂCE—
ALLEGED RECEIPT OF CAMPAIGN
FUNDS FROM HAL BANKS

Mr. Edmund Asselin (Notre Dame de Grâce): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of personal privilege. My question of privilege arises from an article by Mr. Norman Simon which appeared on the front page of the first edition of today's *Toronto Telegram*. The article makes reference to a transcript being circulated on Parliament Hill, which I have not yet seen, and alleges that I received campaign funds from Mr. Hal Banks, former S.I.U. president. This is false. Personally I did not. Furthermore, I have communicated with my official agent and with my chief organizer for both the 1962 and the 1963 federal election campaigns. They categorically deny having knowingly received any such contributions on my behalf.

Mr. MacInnis: That is good for a laugh.

SUPPLY

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. McIlraith for Committee of Supply, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Douglas.

FAILURE TO PROVIDE PROTECTION UNDER
CANADA-U.S. AUTOMOBILE AGREEMENT

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I listened with a great deal of interest to the Minister of Industry (Mr. Drury) in his description of this agreement. I wholeheartedly agree with at least one point which he made, and that was the tremendous importance of this agreement by reason of the fact that it should be apparent to all of us that it is in the nature of a precedent. It is hoped that this sort of agreement will set a pattern which may affect all future trade developments on the North American continent, and it is for that reason of the utmost importance that there be no fumbling, no errors or mistakes made in connection therewith.

We in this party have made it very clear in discussing this matter that we are not opposed to the basic purposes of the agreement outlined by the Minister. He told the House that the objective of this agreement