

The United States government shall refund to the airlines without interest all royalties paid under the agreements if the United States terminates the program to develop the supersonic aircraft prior to United States state-type certifications.

Mr. Dinsdale: Mr. Speaker, that is not quite an answer to the question I asked.

An hon. Member: It is the wrong answer.

Mr. Dinsdale: My question is: Since the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs has passed the responsibility of protecting Canadian consumers against being overcharged on international air fares to the Minister of Transport, will the Minister of Transport make a definite statement on this matter as soon as possible?

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FINANCE

REVISION OF POLICY RESPECTING FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL AGREEMENTS

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I wanted to put a question to the Minister of Finance, but in his absence I shall address it to the Prime Minister, who is responsible for the application of government policy.

Since the budget presented yesterday in the National Assembly of Quebec forecast a deficit of \$466 million, and since the Quebec Minister of Finance has laid the blame for it on the federal government, because of its tax sharing policy, could the Prime Minister say whether the government will review tax sharing agreements when the next budget is brought down?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether the words quoted by the hon. member are accurate, but, nevertheless, he should know that the tax sharing system now prevailing is due to expire next year and that, in the course of this year, there will be discussions between the federal and provincial governments to see under what form, if any, the sharing will be renewed.

Mr. Valade: Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question. In order to elucidate the Prime Minister's answer, does the federal government intend to review during the current fiscal year the tax sharing arrangements between the federal and provincial governments?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member should know that an increasing number of agreements with the provinces have been existing under one form or another since 1942 and it is normal to review the formula every five years.

It is for that purpose that discussions will effectively be held with all the provinces during the year, including Quebec.

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FISHERIES

ATLANTIC SALMON—NEGOTIATIONS WITH DENMARK ON CONSERVATION OF SPECIES

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. In view of the new regulations he has promulgated regarding the catching of Atlantic salmon, have any new negotiations taken place or are any new initiatives contemplated with respect to the overexploitation of this species by Denmark, which in fact poses the most serious threat to the survival of the species?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, I expect to have discussions with the Danish authorities in late May.

ATLANTIC SALMON—INCREASE IN NUMBER OF RIVER GUARDIANS AND LENGTH OF SERVICE

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. Would the minister advise if agreement has been reached by the government to provide funds for increased numbers of river guardians and to lengthen the time of service of these guardians, as proposed by conservation officials, in order to better protect our rivers?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, more money has been made available. One of our problems, however, is that these gentlemen enjoy a higher rate of pay and shorter work week and we are not getting as many man-hours out of the same expenditure of dollars as before. We are doing our best to expand the service, but it is costing a great deal more money.

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INDUSTRY

AUTOMOBILES—REASONS FOR HIGHER CANADIAN PRICES

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. It is some time since I directed a question to him concerning the United States-Canada car pact. Since parity in wages has been brought about between Canada and the United States in this industry and since the Canadian dollar is practically at a par with the U.S. dollar, can he give the House any reason why Canadian citizens should not be able to buy made in Canada cars for the same price that prevails in the United States?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have doubts about the form of the question. It seems to me that the hon. member is inviting the minister to make a rather general statement. If the minister can find it within himself to give a brief and concise answer to the hon. member's question, perhaps he should be allowed to do so.

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, if I understand the question well, I think I can. This subject is one that has been