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**FORD MOTOR COMPANY—EFFECT ON CANADIAN
 PRODUCTION OF APPLICATION BY UNITED STATES OF
 ANTI-POLLUTION CONTROLS**

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce with respect to the difficulties that have arisen with regard to the production of the Ford Motor Company because of the anti-pollution controls imposed by the United States. Has the minister or his department been in touch with the company with a view to determining what the position is and what measures the Canadian company is proposing to take?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Yes, Mr. Speaker, my department has been in touch with Ford. The difficulties that they have in the United States with the pollution control standards have been confirmed. However, the rumour which has apparently been circulating that the company had announced lay-offs is not true.

Mr. Stanfield: Has the minister developed any plan to put into effect to minimize what I might call the ripple effects of any such difficulties of Ford? I am thinking particularly of the effect of these difficulties in bringing about a shutdown or at least a slowdown of the operations of suppliers to Ford of Canada. Has the minister any plans to deal with such an effect?

Mr. Pepin: As far as I know, Mr. Speaker, at the moment that question is hypothetical. I shall inquire further and see whether action is needed.

**CHECKING OF EMISSION STANDARDS FOR CANADIAN
 PRODUCED CARS**

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, may I put a further supplementary to the Minister of Transport. Has the minister any plans in regard to the establishment of ongoing checks on the emission standards of Canadian-produced cars in addition to the year-end production of evidence by the companies themselves?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Yes, Mr. Speaker. We have to some extent separate testing facilities. I believe the hon. gentleman knows that our controls apply only to new automobiles as they leave the factory; we can only ensure that new cars meet these standards. After that, the question becomes one for each provincial jurisdiction. But we have managed, very successfully, to work out a set of arrangements with the provinces which will, in a sense, give us a national basis on which to work and national standards.

[Mr. Speaker.]

**APPLICATION OF UNITED STATES SAFETY STANDARDS
 TO CANADIAN PRODUCED AUTOMOBILES**

Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo): My supplementary is directed to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. I should like to ask the minister whether his department was aware of the safety standards being set by the United States government and whether, in view of the importance of car exports to the United States, the automobile companies have been asked to make provision for incorporating these safety features?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): I am afraid I am not aware, Mr. Speaker. The news came to me this morning. I have a report indicating what I said in answer to the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Saltsman: In view of the difficulty which will now arise as a result of failure to anticipate the safety requirements in connection with the export market, can the minister assure us that his department will keep in touch with the automobile manufacturers to make certain that they comply with these safety regulations in the future?

Mr. Pepin: I will do whatever is needed, but perhaps the Minister of Transport might have more to say on the subject.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): The situation with regard to our present law having to do with auto safety is that it applies not only to automobiles manufactured in Canada but to all cars imported into Canada; cars imported into Canada from any other country would be subject to such rules as we lay down.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair feels we should complete the first round of questioning. I shall call upon the hon. member for York South and the hon. member for Shefford and then return to the hon. member for Waterloo and the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby for further supplementaries on this subject.

[Later:]

Mr. Saltsman: Mr. Speaker, I direct my supplementary question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. I should point out as a preamble that the reason I directed the initial question to him and inquired about the checking of safety regulations in the export market had to do with manufacturing and the possibility of plant shutdowns if these standards are not met rather than the safety features themselves. In view of the fact so many automobiles produced in Canada are being exported to the United States, I hope the minister will give us his assurance that he will start checking the provisions that exist in other countries and ensure that those who are manufacturing in Canada meet these provisions in order that exports are not curtailed or held up in any way.

**FORD MOTOR COMPANY—POSSIBILITY OF SHUTDOWN
 BECAUSE OF U.S. POLLUTION CONTROLS—
 MAINTENANCE OF PRODUCTION FOR CANADIAN
 MARKET**

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Since an immediate but