Inquiries of the Ministry
TRADE

EFFECT OF U.S. REJECTION OF ANTI-DUMPING PROVISIONS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Finance. I ask the minister whether the rejection by the United States Senate of the anti-dumping provisions in connection with the Kennedy round on the general agreement on trade and tariffs will affect the Canadian government's position; and if so, will changes be made?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this question as notice.

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Finance. Would the minister do everything in his power to have the white paper on the Kennedy round anti-dumping legislation referred to the standing committee?

Mr. Benson: Mr. Speaker, there have already been discussions with the house leader of the hon. member's party. We would be very willing to have this matter referred to the committee immediately, without debate, after orders of the day today.

TRANSPORT

REQUEST FOR REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF COMMISSION REPORT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I had a question for the Minister of Transport but in his absence I direct it to the acting minister. Would the government give consideration to referring the report of the Canadian Transport Commission to the standing committee on transport and communications?

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether it would be asking too much of the hon. member to be present to ask his question the next time the Minister of Transport is here to answer questions.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Grey-Simcoe.

Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I had a question for the Minister of Transport but I see he has left the chamber. Therefore I will keep my question until tomorrow.

[Mr. Hellyer.]

[Translation]

CANADIAN CONSTITUTION

CONSIDERATION OF BRIEF PREPARED BY QUEBEC

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the right honourable Prime Minister.

Can he make a statement to the house today with regard to the study he has made of the brief prepared by Quebec officials for the federal-provincial conference next December concerning the Quebec republic?

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have read the brief. [English]

WATER RESOURCES

REQUEST FOR POLICY STATEMENT ON EXPORTS TO U.S.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, I had a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, but in his absence I will direct it to the Prime Minister. Has the government changed its policy with regard to the export of water to the United States?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This is a very general question and I doubt that it should be asked at this time.

Mr. Aiken: Mr. Speaker, it is a question of urgency because a rumour exists that there has been a change. I think it is important that we find out.

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, implied in this question is the suggestion that there has been a change in government policy in respect of the export of water for sale to the United States. I want to assure the hon. member that there has been no such change. There is intensive study in the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources and other departments in respect of the present requirements of Canada for Canadian water and the projection of requirements in the future. Until these studies are completed there will be no question of the consideration of exporting water for sale.

INQUIRY AS TO LEGISLATION RESPECTING POLLUTION

On the orders of the day:

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. As the report of the science