

*Oral Questions*

Review Board and redefining its role, is the minister giving consideration to having the terms of reference apply to merchandise other than foods that are bought in supermarkets, such as health and personal care products. People of Canada are amazed at the spread in prices for like products and it appears there is some discrepancy in this area.

[Translation]

**Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Not for the moment, Mr. Speaker.

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[English]

**IMMIGRATION****METHOD OF CHANGING REGULATIONS—OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS TO EXPRESS OPINIONS**

**Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock):** Mr. Speaker, my question for the Prime Minister is on the subject of immigration. In light of the importance of the present immigration situation, would the Prime Minister give his assurance that the changes in regulations will be made by resolution and that proper notice will be given in order that the House will have the opportunity to express its opinion on these measures?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, on the second part of the question I would refer the hon. member to my answer of yesterday that if a policy change is going to be made on an interim basis it will be announced in the House and the opposition will have occasion to express itself on those changes. On the second part of the question, the intention would not be to proceed by way of resolution but under the authority of the act which enables and empowers the government to make regulations.

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**SPORTS****MONTREAL OLYMPICS, 1976—AMOUNT OF REVENUE ANTICIPATED FROM SALE OF COINS—PAYMENT OF COMMISSION OR DISCOUNT**

**Mr. Sinclair Stevens (York-Simcoe):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Postmaster General I shall direct my question to the former Postmaster General, the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. I have reference to the report filed two days ago by the Postmaster General with respect to the sale of Olympic coins which, incidentally, bear the name of the present Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, where it is stated that the revenue anticipated from the sale of the coins will be \$644 million. I wonder if the minister could reconcile that with the fact that the act clearly prohibits the sale of any Olympic coinage in excess of \$450 million?

[Translation]

**Mr. Raynald Guay (Parliamentary Secretary to Postmaster General):** Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the minister who had to leave the House, I take notice of this question. As soon as tomorrow he will get a satisfactory reply.

[Mr. Marshall.]

[English]

**Mr. Stevens:** Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question which perhaps the parliamentary secretary could also refer to the minister. In the same report it is stated that no commission, discount or other advantage is to be allowed or given by the Postmaster General to any distributor with respect to Olympic coinage. I wonder if the minister could indicate if he is satisfied that no such advantage or discount has been paid indirectly by COJO or any other group thus ensuring that Canadian coinage is not being discounted around the world?

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**HEALTH****RECOMMENDATIONS OF SCIENCE COUNCIL—PARTICIPATION OF PRACTISING PROFESSIONALS IN WRITING REPORT**

**Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin):** Mr. Speaker, my question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare is supplementary to the question put by the hon. member for Brome-Missisquoi. In view of the charges by the Canadian Medical Association that the Science Council report on health care delivery was largely written by non-practising professionals, what input did practising professionals have in the actual process of the study and in the subsequent recommendations that his department is bringing forward?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I apologize to the hon. member but I missed the last part of his question.

**Mr. Ritchie:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to know what input practising professionals actually had in the evolving of this report and the subsequent recommendations that the department is adopting?

**Mr. Lalonde:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to point out to the hon. member that this is a report by the Science Council which is not answerable to me but to the President of the Treasury Board or the Minister of Science and Technology. I am not, therefore, in a position to give the hon. member any information how that council, which is a semi-autonomous body, made arrangements for preparation of the report.

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**ENERGY****COAL—AGREEMENT WITH NOVA SCOTIA FOR INVENTORY PROGRAM**

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, who undertook to examine his memory or his files to see whether any proposal has been put forward of a concrete nature by the government of Nova Scotia with respect to the further development of coal mining in Nova Scotia. Can the minister give me that information today?