

Inquiries of the Ministry

certain types or certain sizes of tires for the Michelin Company, nor has any decision been reached as to when such a remission would come into effect.

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HEALTH**SUGGESTED BAN ON USE OF DIETHYLSTILBESTROL IN MEAT PRODUCTION**

Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the fact that diethylstilbestrol has been sharply attacked as a cancer-causing agent, and that recently two environmental organizations filed a lawsuit against both the United States Food and Drug Administration and the Department of Agriculture to demand that the use of this synthetic hormone in cattle feed be prohibited, will the government give our people the same protection as 21 other nations that have already banned the use of this material in meat production?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): I will have to look into the matter, Mr. Speaker, and report to the hon. member later.

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YOUTH**OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—REQUEST THAT REASONS FOR REFUSAL OF PROJECTS BE GIVEN**

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Secretary of State who is the minister responsible for the Opportunities for Youth program. Is it his intention to change the content of the letters which are being sent to applicants whose projects have been rejected in order to give them more concrete information or definite reasons as to why their projects have been rejected?

Mr. Speaker: I believe this question was asked last Friday, but I may be wrong. Perhaps the minister might reply if the information was not given to the House then.

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): No, the question has been asked, Mr. Speaker—you are perfectly right—and I explained at length that we must send a concise letter which is necessarily too short and unexplicit so that young people whose projects are rejected can receive this letter as soon as possible and look for another job. But young people who insist on having specific details and individual letters can ask for them if they are patient enough to wait for the reply.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—INQUIRY RESPECTING RESIGNATIONS IN ADDITION TO THAT OF MR. BUREAU

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State.

[Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton).]

Since the resignation of a few young people engaged in the administration of Opportunities for Youth, is the Secretary of State in a position to indicate whether there have been other resignations after those and if so, how many there were?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, since the last ones, there have been no others.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, I understand that the Secretary of State is being funny, but he knows perfectly well what I mean.

Since the resignation of "Bureau and Company" last week or ten days ago, have there been other resignations?

Mr. Pelletier: Mr. Speaker, there is no organization incorporated under the name "Bureau and Company", and therefore I cannot be sure of what the hon. member means. And I am happy that for once he thinks I am funny.

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[English]

CONSUMER AFFAIRS**WITHDRAWAL FROM MARKET OF CERTAIN TYPES OF CHILDREN'S CAR SEATS AND HARNESSSES**

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. It relates to a matter which was dealt with in a recent news release issued by his department. Will he inform the House whether those children's car seats and harnesses dealt with in that communiqué, which according to its contents failed to comply with the standards mentioned therein, will be withdrawn from the market and, if not, why not?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, it is our intention in the enforcement of the regulations that those will not be made available for sale. There are some inventories that in fact probably will have to be scrapped. We regret that, but the choice to me was obvious and we made the decision that they should not in fact be distributed.

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FINANCE**DISCUSSIONS WITH ONTARIO GOVERNMENT TO ENCOURAGE BORROWING IN CANADA—POSSIBLE LOWERING OF INTEREST RATES**

Mr. Max Saltzman (Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. It concerns the announced borrowings of the government of Ontario, both for itself and the Ontario Hydro Commission, amounting to between \$800 million and \$900 million. In view of the stated intention of his department that borrowings be conducted in Canada rather than abroad, can the minister indicate whether he has held discussions with officials of the government of Ontario to encourage them to borrow in Canada, and is he prepared to make some arrangement to assist them in that borrowing?