

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

some proposals to the Canadian people which are to be taken seriously, and having indicated that there will be many changes made in those proposals, does the minister not feel he has some obligation to tell the Canadian people what changes are to be made?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. This is a re-statement of the question asked previously by the Leader of the Opposition.

**FINANCE****EFFECT OF MONETARY POLICY ON TRANSFER OF CAPITAL BY MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS**

**Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. Was the Chairman of the Prices and Incomes Commission asserting government policy last night when he acknowledged that the government's tight money policy can have almost no effect—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Perhaps the hon. member might rephrase the question. He knows he cannot ask it in those terms. It would be better if he could seek the information directly rather than by referring to a statement made outside the House.

**Mr. Broadbent:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is it the government's view that its monetary policy can have almost no effect on multinational corporations which have the ability to transfer cash reserves from one country to another?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I would say that our monetary policy, carried out through the Bank of Canada, has more effect on Canadian residents than it has on foreign residents who may be moving foreign funds into Canada and who have foreign funds available to them when we have tight money policies in this country.

**Mr. Hees:** As a supplementary—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I wonder if the hon. member would allow me to recognize two or three members in the back rows who have not had an opportunity to ask questions today.

**DRUGS****INQUIRY AS TO REPORT OF LEDAIN COMMISSION**

**Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Is

[Mr. Stanfield.]

the minister now in a position to inform the House when we may expect the tabling of the interim report of the LeDain Commission inquiring into the non-medical use of drugs?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I would anticipate that the report would be available within the next two or three weeks to the government, at which time the government will have to determine the disposition of it.

**GRAIN****POLICIES TO RAISE PRICES TO CANADIAN PRODUCERS TO EUROPEAN LEVEL**

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Athabasca.

**Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca):** Mr. Speaker, I hope you will excuse me if I am short of breath after popping up and down for 55 minutes.

**Some hon. Members:** Shame.

**Mr. Yewchuk:** In any case I would like to put my question to the Prime Minister. In view of recent reports by the Alberta Wheat Pool that wheat producers in the European community get more than twice as much for their wheat and almost four times as much for their barley as Canadian producers, does the Prime Minister have any intention of announcing or having one of his ministers announce any new policies in the near future that would bring the prices to Canadian producers into line with what European producers are getting?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** No, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Yewchuk:** A supplementary question. Would the Prime Minister not be willing to look at the programs of the Europeans and the Americans to see if anything could be learned that would be useful in Canada in raising the prices to our producers?

**WHEAT—ACREAGE REDUCTION PROGRAM—ALTERNATIVE ASSISTANCE**

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Mr. Speaker, I also wish to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister. In view of the widespread disappointment expressed by farmers and farm organizations about some of the shortcomings of Operation LIFT, can the Prime Minister give western farmers any assurance of alternative assistance for 1970?