

In view of the fact that a conference of the provincial ministers in charge of consumer protection took place last week, and as British Columbia stated that it refused categorically to implement the bilingual labelling policy, would the minister be ready to indicate whether he is going to respect the decision taken by British Columbia, or if he will invite the province to respect the policy already announced by the federal government?

[English]

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I announced a policy in the House in December relative to bilingual labels under the federal labelling and packaging statutes. That policy still stands and we are in the process of implementing it.

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#### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

##### RENOVATION OF RESIDENCE OF CANADIAN AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW

**Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. Has the present Canadian ambassador in Moscow recently requested, as a condition of extending his stay in Moscow, a complete renovation of his residence facilities at an approximate cost of \$150,000?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I missed part of the question because of noise down to the right, but I know of no request of the general nature of what I was able to understand. If the hon. member cares to repeat his question I might be able to assert more—

**Mr. Paproski:** Has the present Canadian ambassador in Moscow recently requested, as a condition of extending his stay in Moscow, a complete renovation of his residence facilities at a cost of approximately \$150,000?

**Mr. Speaker:** I will, of course, allow the Prime Minister to reply to the question. Had I heard the question correctly in the first instance I might have suggested to the hon. member that it be placed on the order paper. As the hon. member went to the trouble of asking it twice, perhaps he is entitled to an answer. While the matter is being considered I will recognize the hon. member for Simcoe North.

[Later:]

**Mr. Paproski:** My supplementary question is directed to the Prime Minister. Will he advise the House why the government is contemplating a building program in Moscow amounting to \$10 million?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Never heard of it, Mr. Speaker.

#### Inquiries of the Ministry

#### HEALTH

##### INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL COUNCIL

**Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North):** Mr. Speaker, I direct my question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. It is based on a recommendation of the royal commission which submitted a report seven years ago outlining certain goals to be attained. Seven years later there is still no national science policy for health in spite of the fact that 6 per cent of the gross national product is devoted to health services. When can we expect the appointment of a national council on health?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I do not agree at all with the premise to the hon. member's question. He must be aware of the national health science policy as reflected in the activities of the department, including food and drugs, the national health grants and the Medical Research Council. If he looks at them he will see the direction in which they are all going in terms of a national health science policy.

**Mr. Rynard:** Mr. Speaker, the minister apparently did not grasp the significance of my question. I asked when a national council on health would be appointed. If he cannot answer we will debate it at ten o'clock.

**Mr. Munro:** That was not the question the hon. member asked.

**Mr. Speaker:** Obviously we will have a ten o'clock debate.

##### BANNING OF IMPORTATION OF BEEF CATTLE WHICH HAVE BEEN GIVEN GROWTH HORMONE, DES

**Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw):** I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Will he indicate whether Canada is one of the 21 countries that have banned the importation of beef cattle which have consumed the growth hormone, DES?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** I am not aware of this, Mr. Speaker, but I will check into the matter.

**Mr. Skoberg:** In view of the fact that the United States is aware of the situation that exists, and the fact that the Common Market has banned the import of beef cattle from the United States because of the possibility of causing cancerous growth in man, will the minister immediately act on this matter?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Bellechasse and the hon. member for Edmonton Centre on a supplementary. We will then have to proceed to orders of the day.