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ownership of the Suez Canal Company and in other ways. I do not think at the moment that any other state, including the United States, has made such formal representations. Certain states, Canada is one of them, are consulting together to see what action, if any, should be taken by them collectively on this matter.

Mr. Green: Why should the Canadian government not make known today that Canada stands beside the United Kingdom and France in this trouble?

Mr. Alistair Stewart (Winnipeg North): Amongst the views which are being exchanged with the United Kingdom, will the minister, on behalf of the government, stress to the United Kingdom the importance of using the good offices of the United Nations in an attempt to solve this problem?

Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, our High Commissioner in London has already stressed that aspect of the question in his talks with the United Kingdom government.

NATIONAL PARKS**BANFF—REPORTED EXCESSIVE OILING OF HIGHWAY**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. C. E. Johnston (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works or to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, whichever one has jurisdiction. It has to do with the No. 1 trans-Canada highway in Banff national park. I have had complaints about the authorities there oiling that portion of the road from Anthracite hill into Banff. They tell me it is just a sea of oil and that the tourists are greatly perturbed, and so is everyone else, because of the effect it has not only on their cars but on their clothing as well. The same thing happened before during the tourist season, and the minister took action in that regard. Surely it should not be allowed to continue at this time. I wish the minister would make some remarks about it.

Hon. Robert H. Winters (Minister of Public Works): I shall look into it, Mr. Speaker.

BRIDGES**BURLINGTON, ONT.—INQUIRY AS TO CHARGING OF TOLLS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. E. Reinke (Hamilton South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works. Can the minister tell the house whether there have [Mr. Pearson.]

been any further developments regarding a decision of the Ontario government to charge tolls on the Burlington skyway bridge, and its effect on the federal government's participation in the cost of that project?

Hon. Robert H. Winters (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether the provincial government has decided to charge tolls on the structure, but I believe they do propose to construct it by themselves without federal government financial participation. There was a discussion yesterday in Toronto among the mayor of Hamilton, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Frost, Mr. Allan, the minister of highways, and myself. We discussed some of the aspects of this bridge as they apply to present and long-term civic planning. As far as I know, however, it is the intention of the provincial government to build the structure by themselves.

COMBINES INVESTIGATION ACT**BEER—ACTION TO BE TAKEN CONCERNING ALLEGED COMBINE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Justice. Has the government yet received from counsel any recommendation concerning the report of an alleged combine in the manufacture, sale and distribution of beer in Canada?

Hon. Stuart S. Garson (Minister of Justice): Not as yet.

HOUSING**PRINCE ALBERT, SASK.—INQUIRY AS TO RELAXATION OF MORTGAGE REGULATIONS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I should like to redirect a question to the Minister of Public Works with reference to a complaint from the mayor of Prince Albert with regard to present mortgage regulations. Has the minister received that complaint and what is the attitude of the government with regard to a relaxation of the present regulations to the end that the detrimental effect upon house building across this country will be resolved to a great extent?

Hon. Robert H. Winters (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I did receive a letter, which I believe was dated July 20, and it has been replied to. No restrictions have been placed upon housing by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. The fact is