

—and may disclose (automatically or upon request) credit information about the applicant to credit bureaus and persons with whom the applicant has or proposes to have financial dealings or if the bank believes disclosure is required by law.

I am presenting this now to inform the public that it is giving information which will not necessarily remain with the company, and to request of the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mrs. Erola) that she look into the matter to see whether the law is not being violated.

I object to it because there is no dimension or boundary to which this information can be used. It does not matter if I choose not to deal with the company in the future. The company still maintains that information. It does not matter—

Mr. Speaker: I regret to interrupt the Hon. Member but his time has expired.

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DISARMAMENT

VOICE OF WOMEN—PROPOSAL TO HOLD INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Ms. Pauline Jewett (New Westminster-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, on March 5 I asked the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. MacEachen) to involve women in the Government's arms control and disarmament efforts. I suggested that a woman be appointed to the task force of the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau). I asked that a woman be appointed to the long vacant office of Ambassador for Disarmament.

It is not only in Canada that women are excluded from critical efforts for arms control and disarmament. Even though women around the world make up the largest, strongest component of groups and movements calling for a nuclear weapons freeze, an end to militarism, and drastic arms reductions, women are almost completely excluded from international negotiations. This was strikingly apparent at Stockholm.

The Canadian Voice of Women has an excellent proposal for bringing the experience of millions of women to the negotiating table. Voice of Women is proposing an international women's conference entitled "The Urgency for True Security: Women's Alternatives for Negotiating Peace", to be held in Canada. The Voice of Women has made funding applications for this conference to the Department of External Affairs and to the women's division of the Secretary of State's Department. I urge the Government to give these applications the highest priority.

Just this past weekend the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Blais) was promising millions of dollars to involve Canada in the American space-based navigational satellite system which doubles as a guidance system for nuclear missiles. Such moneys would be far better spent on arms control and disarmament measures, with women fully involved. Government financial help for the Voice of Women conference would be an excellent alternative investment—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The Hon. Member's time has expired.

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CORPORATE AFFAIRS

FRAUDULENT SOLICITATION THROUGH THE MAILS

Mr. Ron Stewart (Simcoe South): Mr. Speaker, last Friday Mr. Ralph Devine and his company, Intra-canada Telecommunications Ltd., were convicted under the Combines Investigation Act of misleading solicitation through the mails. The mailings, on forms which looked like invoices for yellow pages telephone book ads, were actually solicitations for advertising in an independent business directory. Despite repeated public warnings by the Better Business Bureau of the misleading nature of the solicitations, 5,343 businesses sent half a million dollars to Mr. Devine over a six-month period.

One of those solicitations was supplied to me by Mr. Jack Garner of Garner's Sporting Goods, a leading business in the city of Barrie. It was mailed from Buffalo, New York, and the Better Business Bureau informs me that a large number of the mailings originated there.

I urge all businesses to be aware of these types of advertising and soliciting schemes before sending in their money. I urge the Government to post warnings in post offices and to investigate further the matter of Canadian outfits using the American postal service with its much cheaper rates for mass mailings into Canada. As long as our postal rates are nearly twice those in the United States, the Government must ensure that this procedure does not become widespread.

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METRIC CONVERSION

NEED FOR DUAL MEASUREMENT LABELLING

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Mr. Speaker, our National Capital Commission roads are now considered posted in miles per hour since our National Capital Act refers to speed in miles per hours only.

The Ontario Provincial Review Report entitled "The Effect on Elementary Pupils of the Teaching of Metric Measurement" concluded that the student will find the world outside is, and for some years will be, concerned with imperial units. The pound of butter will be with us for some time. Adults will not automatically express their height in centimetres, or their mass in kilograms. Public education will take time. Favourite recipes will not always be replaced willingly. Typewriters will continue to space letters by the inch, and walls with four-foot panels will last for years. The imperial system will not be phased out in a single, magical, metric M-Day.

In fact, 60 per cent of the teachers stated that they mention imperial units in their classroom, while only 45 per cent of the principals claimed that only metric units are used in the classrooms.

This study further justifies the need for a continuation of dual labelling in measurement sensitive areas such as agricul-