

## DRUGS

## APPEARANCE OF CANADIAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION BEFORE FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE ON PRICES

**Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Has the minister received a request from the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association to appear before the federal-provincial committee on drug prices and, if so, what reply has he given to that request?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the meeting being held in Ottawa today is a federal-provincial meeting of officials at both levels of government. It certainly is not the practice to have people from the private sector present at such meetings.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the high cost of drugs, would the minister arrange to meet with representatives of the association who are anxious to offer advice on how the cost of drugs can be lowered?

**Mr. Basford:** Mr. Speaker, I indicated to the association that following the conference there undoubtedly would be consultation.

## LABOUR RELATIONS

## SETTLEMENT OF WEST COAST TOWBOAT STRIKE—RELEASE FROM JAIL OF UNION MEMBER

**Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni):** Mr. Speaker, may I address a question to the Minister of Labour relating to or arising out of the response he gave to the first question asked about the towboat situation in British Columbia. Could the minister tell us whether part of the settlement involves any form of truce in the legal conflicts which have surrounded this dispute? If so, could he state whether this might lead to the release from jail of a member of the union who is at the moment, I understand, in jail?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour):** No, Mr. Speaker, I think such a conditional settlement would be an interference with the due process of the law. I am not a lawyer but I would presume that in the case of this particular official the matter would no doubt be reviewed by his lawyer and possibly there are appeal procedures. Certainly the settlement was not conditional on the release of any union member under sentence for contempt

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of court. One of the beneficial effects of the proposed settlement is I understand all secondary picketing will be removed immediately in British Columbia and this should do a lot to remove one source of irritation.

**Mr. Barnett:** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Justice arising out of a question asked on Monday in his absence concerning, whether he sees any role that he might be able to play in bringing about the release of this union member, particularly now—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. This question is not acceptable.

## TAXATION

## WHITE PAPER ON REFORM—DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSALS

**Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West):** I have a question for the Minister of Finance which concerns the timing of the implementation of the white paper proposals on taxation. In light of the recommendations of the western conference of Liberals which are to go to the national conference of the Liberal Party in November, is it right to anticipate that the government will be able to implement those recommendations by January 1, according to the timetable?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I answered that question yesterday.

## POLLUTION

## OIL SPILL NEAR UNGAVA BAY

**Mr. Paul St. Pierre (Coast Chilcotin):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. What action is his department taking in relation to the 350,000 gallon oil spill near Ungava Bay in Quebec?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** Mr. Speaker, we are sending people there immediately, as are the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources and the Quebec government. I understand that a large tank farm has been swept into an inlet near Ungava Bay and there is real concern about the living resources in the water there due to that unfortunate spill.

## OIL PIPELINE SPILLAGE NEAR FORT MCMURRAY

**Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I wonder