

properly raised a question of privilege in that connection. It is not the parliamentary secretary who is under investigation; it is the *Gazette*.

Mr. Stanfield: You are wrong.

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[Translation]

BILINGUALISM

FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION TO PURCHASE TEXT BOOKS FOR TEACHING FRENCH IN ONTARIO—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State of Canada.

The province of Ontario has recently announced a \$750,000 grant for the promotion and design of learning material made in Canada. I shall quote an article, by Mr. Pascal Barette, which appeared in *Le Droit* on last July 22:

Out of this amount \$250,000 will be specifically earmarked to meet the requirements of French schools in learning aids.

Will the minister tell this House whether or not, within the framework of the official languages program, he has had discussions with his provincial counterpart regarding federal participation in this program, the amount of federal contribution and the terms of the agreement?

[English]

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): Yes, Mr. Speaker. We have had discussions. I am anxious, on behalf of the federal government, to participate. The federal contribution will match the provincial contribution, which will mean a contribution of \$250,000 in the 1975-76 fiscal year. I have been anxious to ensure that the contribution should be earmarked for Canadian-owned publishing firms. We want them to be given preference and we are still negotiating this with the province of Ontario.

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FINANCE

ALLEGATION BANKS NOT GRANTING FARM IMPROVEMENT, SMALL BUSINESS OR FISHERIES IMPROVEMENT LOANS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT—REQUEST FOR REPORT

Mr. R. E. McKinley (Huron-Middlesex): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. On July 4 I asked the minister to look into the matter of banks granting farm improvement loans, small business loans and fisheries improvement loans, in accordance with the act. Since that date I have learned that the situation is much worse than I thought. Has the minister made inquiries and given any instructions to the banks?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I am under the impression that I signed a letter which is to be sent to the hon. member a day or so ago. I hope he gets it.

Mr. McKinley: I have not yet received it, Mr. Speaker.

Oral Questions

NATIONAL REVENUE

ALLEGED DUMPING OF FOREIGN STEEL IN NOVA SCOTIA—REQUEST FOR REPORT

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Revenue, and follows the written memo I sent him on Friday, a copy of which went to the Minister of Labour, to do with press reports concerning the dumping of foreign steel in Nova Scotia. Has the minister any further information on the subject, as the steel industry in Nova Scotia faces difficult times, particularly as the Sydney steel plant has laid off many workers? Can he enlighten us and ascertain if steel is coming in at cut rates?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I received the hon. member's representation, another from his colleagues, and also one from my colleague who is responsible for the Department of Labour, to do with this matter. So far, no formal complaint has been lodged under the anti-dumping legislation. My officials are in touch with companies or in the course of getting in touch with them, to see whether they wish to institute proceedings under the anti-dumping act. I asked my officials to treat this as a matter of urgency, and to expedite it.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON POSITION GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND SELF-DETERMINATION AT FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. Next week there will be a meeting of 35 nations in Helsinki. We in this House have no idea whatsoever as to the stand that the Prime Minister will take on behalf of Canada, there having been no day set aside for the purpose of discussion and ascertaining the feelings of members of this House with regard to the tremendous problems affecting the peace of not only Europe, but of the world, which will come up. I therefore ask him whether he has received representations from organizations such as the Ukrainian Canadian Committee asking what stand Canada will take. I specifically ask the Prime Minister these questions, whether any treaty signed by Canada should include a definite commitment by all signatories, including the U.S.S.R., to implement within their jurisdictions the principles embodied in the universal declaration of human rights and, second, that in the establishment of boundaries in eastern Europe which are the result of conquest, that such establishment should be conditional on the principle of self-determination being accepted by the U.S.S.R. and the other nations. I ask what stand Canada is going to take on this matter. I speak on behalf of representations made to me for hundreds of thousands of Canadians of Ukrainian origin and also Latvian, Estonian and Lithuanian origin. They are very concerned that no one knows whether Canada is going to stand up