

*Inquiries of the Ministry*DEPARTMENTAL POSITION ON INVESTIGATION  
OF PRICE INCREASES

**Mr. Max Saltzman (Waterloo):** A supplementary question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Would the minister clarify his position and that of his department regarding the matter of inquiry into price increases? At one time the minister accepted that responsibility. Is he saying now that the Prices and Incomes Commission only—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I hesitate to interrupt the hon. member but he will appreciate, I am sure, that he cannot ask the minister to make a statement at this time, by way of a reply to a question asked during the question period, that ought to be presented to the House by way of a statement on motions.

**Mr. Saltzman:** Mr. Speaker, may I rephrase the question. Would the minister consider making a statement on motions, in view of the confusion that surrounds his role and that of his department?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I have had on the Order Paper for some time a motion to establish a committee, which would provide an excellent forum for such debate. I believe the House Leader has indicated that the motion will be proceeded with this week.

## GRAIN

WHEAT—ALTERNATIVES TO ACREAGE  
REDUCTION PROGRAM

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the continuing emergency in western Canada and since the great majority of western farmers have rejected the LIFT program, is the government considering any alternatives? Also, will the Prime Minister consider reassigning the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister without Portfolio in charge of the Wheat Board to other portfolios where they can do less damage?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. That question in those terms, as the hon. member will appreciate, is not acceptable.

## URANIUM

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON GOVERNMENT  
INTENTIONS REGARDING INDUSTRY

**Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the unfortunate absence of the ministers concerned with commercial affairs, may I direct my question to

[Mr. Trudeau.]

the Prime Minister. As a result of the government announcement about three weeks ago with regard to the possible takeover of Canadian Denison Mines, the subsequent negotiations by the owners of that company with the government, the statements made within the last few days by the president of Canadian Denison, and the uncertainty of the situation at Elliot Lake, I wonder whether we could have a definitive, up-to-date statement of the government's intentions with regard to these matters and what the government has in mind to take care of the long-range problems of the uranium industry?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, with regard to the long-range problems I did state that these would be the subject of a statement by the government when we are ready to make it. If there is anything further to report I will discuss it with the minister and see if he wants to make an interim report.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is the government indicating publicly that it intends to cease purchasing uranium ore for stockpiling?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, I will have to refer this to the minister.

## BRIDGES

OTTAWA-HULL—PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND  
CAUSEWAY

**Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough):** Mr. Speaker, in the continuing absence of the Postmaster General I have a question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion which is prompted by the ministers' recent announcement of a new bridge to be built to Hull by the National Capital Commission. Considering that there is also an election in Prince Edward Island, will the minister follow his promise of a bridge for Bourassa with a causeway for Campbell?

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

## CONSUMER AFFAIRS

ALLEGED MISLEADING ADVERTISING OF  
GERITOL AND FEMIRON

**Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In view of the fact that the United States government has filed a suit against the manufacturer of Geritol and Femiron and its