

but to encourage that company and others to comply. In my judgment we now have a situation where there is a way by which the facts can become known. That did not exist before. Other options are open to us, such as the option of resorting to forced action by the Government of Canada. I would very much prefer to have public opinion work and achieve a change that way. I believe this is a multi-partisan matter and I would welcome the co-operation of the Hon. Member in achieving that goal.

#### MASSEY-FERGUSON CORPORATION

**Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant):** Mr. Speaker, has the Secretary of State already contacted Massey-Ferguson, which is a multinational corporation, and, if so, what has he told Massey-Ferguson with respect to paying substandard wages in a country that is already notorious for paying very low wages to its black population?

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I have not contacted Massey-Ferguson or the other companies since I tabled the report in the House yesterday. What the Government has done that is new, is take steps that cause the information to come into the public domain so that Members of Parliament, the public, and others who are interested, are in a position to act. I hope they will act. I hope there will be change. I repeat the point: if there is not change as a result of that kind of action, there are other options for the Government to consider.

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#### NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

##### INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH FUNDING

**Mr. David Berger (Laurier):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of State for Science and Technology. I have in my hand a Government document in which the Vice-President of the National Research Council states that industrial research funds will be transferred to the space program, to be managed by the space program, as an activity separate from industrial research. In the document the Acting President of the National Research Council confirms the accuracy of this assessment.

Given this evidence, I would ask the Minister to correct the impression that he left with the House earlier this week, to level with Canadians, and admit that the industrial research program has indeed been cut and that some 2,000 small Canadian firms will lose vital research support.

**Hon. Frank Oberle (Minister of State for Science and Technology):** Mr. Speaker, I do not know from what document the Hon. Member is reading, but let me tell him that the industrial research program is designed to build a basis on which we can expand our economy with future-oriented jobs.

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This is what the space program is designed to do, to create 100,000 new, future-oriented jobs, and \$5 billion worth of industrial spin-off to private firms and small firms. That is what the program is designed to do.

The Hon. Member now tells us that he and his Party wish us to walk away from space. Well, this is not what is going to happen.

#### MINISTER'S POSITION

**Mr. David Berger (Laurier):** Mr. Speaker, when will the Minister admit that the effect of this decision will be to cut research funds from some 2,000 small Canadian companies over the next five years? When will the Minister be able to report to the House the truth about this question? When will he provide Parliament and the Canadian people with information that we can believe?

**Hon. Frank Oberle (Minister of State for Science and Technology):** Mr. Speaker, if the Hon. Member chooses to believe what he hears on the streets, I will never be able to satisfy him. I told him what the program is about and what happened, and if he chooses to seek information that is less factual than what he hears from me, I am sorry, but I cannot help him.

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#### MEDICAL CARE

##### DOCTOR'S TELEVIEWED STATEMENT—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

**Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Will the Minister ask the College of Physicians and Surgeons in the Province of Ontario to investigate a statement made by Dr. Shelley McLean on *The National* two evenings ago? She said: "If one patient dies now, we may be preventing a hundred patients from dying in five years".

**Some Hon. Members:** Shame.

**Mr. Deans:** She made the comment in response to questions about the closing of the emergency section of the hospital in Cornwall.

**An Hon. Member:** Moral blackmail.

**Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, what the Hon. Member raises is a most serious issue. I want to say to him that I know he recognizes—I am not trying to push responsibilities from one level of jurisdiction to the other—that Ontario has the responsibility of maintaining health care in the Province of Ontario. I called the Minister of Health for Ontario, roughly at noon today. He was not in, but I spoke with a member of his staff and requested an