

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

inform the house of any conversations he had with the United States secretary concerned, a few days ago, on the subject of automobile safety.

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Perhaps the Minister of Industry could answer that question. Before he does so, may I be permitted to express my congratulations to the hon. member on his forthcoming visit to the Congress in Washington?

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

**Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry):** The hon. member's question was in two parts. With respect to the second part, may I say I did have a brief conversation on this subject with Secretary Connor in Washington indicating to him the interest we in Ottawa have in this question of automobile safety, and offering to co-operate. As to the question of mandatory safety provisions in relation to imported vehicles, it is clear that the federal government has jurisdiction. But the imposition of mandatory safety provisions applying to vehicles made in Canada might raise constitutional problems, and these problems are currently under study by the Department of Justice.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve):** May I put a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker?

Is the minister aware that the Chrysler company is the one providing the greater security at present?

**Mr. Drury:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

[*English*]

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

REQUEST FOR ESCALATOR CLAUSE IN  
SUPERANNUATION ACT

On the orders of the day:

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition):** Could the Prime Minister say whether further representations have been received from the Federal Superannuates National Association for an upward adjustment in civil service retirement pensions with an escalator clause, and is any further consideration being given to this, additional to what the right hon. gentleman said on this matter some weeks ago?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, to my best knowledge there have been no representations received since those with which I dealt in answer to a question a couple of weeks ago, when I did

receive representations and replied to them. I shall be glad to inquire if any have come in since.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Has there been any consideration given by the Prime Minister to them? I did not hear the earlier part of his answer.

**Mr. Pearson:** Consideration was given to these representations, and in the reply to the civil service superannuates I indicated the view of the government that no change could be made at this time.

**Mr. Bell (Carleton):** Shame.

**THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**

LUMBER PRICES—REQUEST FOR  
GOVERNMENT ACTION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. E. Nasserden (Rosthern):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister. What action is the government prepared to take to offset the serious effects of increasing lumber prices, which are of concern to those desiring to build homes for their families?

**Mr. Speaker:** This is a very general question which I would invite the hon. member to place on the order paper.

**IMMIGRATION**

GRANTING OF ASYLUM IN CANADA  
TO YUGOSLAV SEAMEN

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Albert):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration with respect to the Yugoslav seamen at Saint John. Has the minister any information with respect to the status of the seamen not deported?

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, on January 19, 12 Yugoslav seamen broke ship in St. John, New Brunswick. Ten of them appealed to the immigration court of appeal from the deportation order which was maintained and they were deported. The other two will appear on March 24 before the immigration court and I do not know yet what judgment will be handed down.