

he has legislation prepared and will he give some idea of when he intends to introduce it?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I understand that later today the government House leader intends to speak to the House leaders of the other parties about arrangements connected with the statement I intend to make.

[Later:]

FOREIGN INVESTMENT—REQUEST FOR TABLING OF
PREPARATORY DOCUMENTS WHEN STATEMENT ON
POLICY IS MADE

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I want to ask the Minister of National Revenue a question in relation to the question that was conveniently asked by a member of his party. On Tuesday will he merely make a statement, or will he table his report and any other documents that were supposed to be prepared before the policy could be announced?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I invite the hon. member to be in the House so he can see for himself. Next time, perhaps he might ask a question of the type that he regrets was asked by a member on the government side.

Mr. Lewis: I have been asking it for months.

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INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Acting Prime Minister with reference to a new book which it has been announced will soon appear on the newsstands and is supposed to be laudatory of the present Prime Minister. As this book will soon be on sale at newsstands and as the author is a member of the Prime Minister's staff, can the Acting Prime Minister advise the House whether the time spent on writing this book was paid for by the Canadian taxpayers?

• (1140)

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I can assure the hon. gentleman that the answer to that question is in the negative. This is, of course, a private venture just as I understand that laudatory book on the Leader of the Opposition was.

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GRAIN

RAPSEED—ACTION TO OFFSET PROJECTED DECLINE IN
ACREAGE

Mr. Stanley Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Justice in his capacity as the minister responsible for the Wheat Board. In light of the expressed intention of farmers to grow 37 per cent less rapeseed this year than last, is this action in line with the

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wishes of the minister? Has he indicated the acreage of rapeseed he wishes farmers to plant? Will there be a survey to see whether his wishes are carried out? If not, will there be an incentive to have what he wishes brought about?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, the expression of our view this year included information that about the same amount of rapeseed as last year seemed to us to be reasonable, according to the information we had available about market prospects. I have since expressed the hope that severe reduction in acreage would not take place because I believe that market development requires a continuity of supply to keep pressure on in the marketplace. I have made this clear to producers.

Mr. Korchinski: Does the minister intend to provide some incentive, if surveys indicate that this level will not be met?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, the basic incentive is provided by the price available for rapeseed. That price seems to be relatively attractive when compared with the price of other grains. There is some hesitancy no doubt at this time concerning the move to lower erucic acid rapeseed. We will be trying to reassure growers that they ought not to hesitate for that reason.

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TRADE

UNITED STATES DISC PROGRAM—REPRESENTATIONS TO
MINISTER BY CANADIAN AUTO WORKERS INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE CONCERNING EFFECTS

Mr. E. F. Whelan (Essex): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce on a former subject. Has the international representative of the Canadian auto workers, Dennis McDerment, ever made representations to the minister concerning the effect that the DISC program might have on Canadian auto workers if put into effect by the American companies which are in competition with Canadian companies, inasmuch as the Canadian auto workers' brothers who belong to the same international union are employed by the American companies and I understand are in favour of the DISC program?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, in a previous meeting with Mr. McDerment the concentration was really on the two formal safeguards. I do not recall whether he mentioned the DISC program also in those conversations. I will check and see what record was kept.

UNITED STATES DISC PROGRAM—SUGGESTED INCREASE
IN SAFEGUARDS UNDER CANADA-U.S. AUTO PACT

Mr. Max Saltzman (Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of the obvious disappointment of the minister at what seems to be a very clear betrayal of his confidence by the automobile companies, will he indicate whether he is now prepared to shift away