

review of government programs for the support of research, development and innovation in Canadian manufacturing industry. I think this clarifies the situation.

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, in view of the statement of the Secretary of the Treasury Board to the Senate committee yesterday, that Canadian science policy is an accidental byproduct of separate cabinet decisions, can the minister indicate when the house might expect a statement from the government about priorities in respect of scientific policy?

Mr. Pepin: With respect, Mr. Speaker, when we debate the reorganization bill there will be an opportunity to bring this question to the floor of the house.

HATE LITERATURE

DISSEMINATION OF PRE-RECORDED MESSAGES BY TELEPHONE

Mr. Robert P. Kaplan (Don Valley): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct this question to the Prime Minister. Is the government taking any steps to prevent the use of telephones for the dissemination of pre-recorded hate messages which are now being transmitted in the city of Toronto and which are causing concern to many people there?

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I have just heard of this this morning. I cannot tell the hon. member of any concrete steps in this place, but I would remind members of the house that the government has introduced in the Senate a bill on hate propaganda, with the intent of curtailing all forms of communication which are not legitimate debate, and which are aimed at disseminating hate against groups in Canada.

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Could the Prime Minister give the house any indication when the proposal will be brought before this house?

Mr. Trudeau: I cannot of course predict what will happen in the other place. It will be brought before this House as soon as the Senate finishes considering it.

Mr. Orlikow: In view of the fact that it is obvious some senators are not enthused about the proposed legislation, is the Prime Minister discussing with the Senate house leader the possibility of hurrying it up?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAM BY MARITIME PROVINCES

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, I have a question which I suppose I should direct to the Minister of Finance. Will the minister assure the house that in spite of the apparent cancellation, retardation or postponement of various development projects in the Atlantic provinces, along with the apparent abandonment of the Atlantic Development Board, it is not the purpose of his colleagues to drive the Atlantic provinces out of Confederation in time for them to qualify for some of the \$20 million increase provided for the Canadian international development agency in the next fiscal year?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

POWER

NELSON RIVER, MAN.—RE-NEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENT

Mr. E. B. Osler (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister without Portfolio who is responsible for the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources. Is there any feature of the agreement signed in 1966 by the federal government and the government of Manitoba concerning power development of the Nelson river that precludes re-negotiation of its terms in whole or in part?

Mr. Speaker: I am sure the hon. member realizes that he is asking the minister to make a legal interpretation of an agreement. A question in those terms cannot be asked at this time.

[Later:]

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether I may ask a supplementary question, or perhaps try to rephrase the question the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre put to the Acting Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. May I put it this way: Is the federal government willing to renegotiate the agreement with the government of Manitoba regarding the power developments in the north, particularly as they affect the Indians South of Indian Lake?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Acting Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): I will check into the matter, Mr. Speaker, but so far as I know the question is hypothetical; I do not know of any approach from the government of Manitoba requesting a renegotiation.