

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Stanfield: May I direct the question to "the real thing" because we could not get an answer from the other things.

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): I wish to direct a supplementary question to the minister—

An hon. Member: Supplementary to what?

Mr. Baldwin: I shall wait until he returns.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I think we should go on to other matters. The hon. member for Surrey.

Mr. Baldwin: There he is. I see him.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. For the moment the Chair has recognized the hon. member for Surrey. We might return to the hon. member in a moment.

TRANSPORT

EFFECTIVE DATE OF MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS—POLLUTION CONTROL REGULATIONS

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey): I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Can the minister indicate the approximate date he intends to declare in effect the 29 motor vehicle safety standards? If so, can he indicate whether he will make a statement in the House at that time?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the technical qualifications for these 29 standards are now being drawn. I hope they will be ready before the session ends. If so, I hope to make a statement in the House at that time. Otherwise I will ensure that they are given the appropriate amount of publicity elsewhere.

Mr. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Will the minister also consider introducing the regulations for motor vehicle pollution control at the same time?

Mr. Jamieson: Yes, Mr. Speaker. If the specifications have been drawn by that time, they will be part of the original package. If not, they will be issued separately as quickly as possible.

[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

DAIRY AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION TO CONTROL PRODUCTION

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture.

In a recent speech at Richmond in the Eastern Townships, the minister stated:

The federal government is not empowered by the British North America Act to set production quotas for each farmer.

Does the minister deem advisable to have the Constitution amended so that, at last, the federal government might have a better control over dairy production?

Mr. Speaker: I suggest to the hon. member that his interesting question might be put on the order paper.

[English]

MANPOWER

SUCCESS OF STUDENTS IN OBTAINING SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): My question is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. It is connected with the serious situation in which university and secondary school students find themselves today by reason of their inability to secure jobs. I know that the minister is trying very hard to rectify this situation. Can the minister give some hope to these students who depend on summer work that they will be able to find it? What proportion of the approximately 600,000 requiring jobs will be able to secure employment?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I share the right hon. gentleman's concern in the matter of students securing employment this summer. It is difficult to forecast at the moment the percentage of students who will succeed in obtaining work. Last summer about 93 per cent did get work for at least part of the time. The employment situation is tougher this summer and the going is tougher for students. However, we are making every effort and co-operating with private employers in order to secure jobs. I will provide the House with information on this matter as it becomes available.

Mr. Diefenbaker: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. The minister must have the latest statistics available. How many of the 600,000 have obtained jobs? Would the figure be 12 per cent?

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I do not have the statistics at the present time. It would be impossible for me to get from the Canada Manpower Centres the percentage because a large number of students find jobs