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and not get into a confrontation situation which, of course, makes better headlines.

He must also realize that although federal transfers to provinces have increased everywhere but at a smaller rate than anticipated by the provinces, the health budget, by reason of the priorities of this government, has fully increased. The provinces will get on average, for every one of the next five years, a 13 per cent increase in funds earmarked for health.

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

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**THE ECONOMY****INQUIRY RESPECTING LEGISLATION FOLLOWING ECONOMIC STATEMENT**

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition):** Madam Speaker, my first question is to the Minister of Finance who has promised there will be a major financial and economic statement made in this House. I ask the minister whether, as a result of that major financial and economic statement, there will be new legislative measures introduced to this House?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance):** Madam Speaker, the word "major" is the right hon. member's word, not mine. I think he will have to wait to see what is in the statement. As I indicated earlier, I cannot tell him today what the results of the cabinet deliberations might be.

**Mr. Clark:** Madam Speaker, this is probably the first time we have seen a retreat before the step was taken. What the minister is indicating to us now is that he is promising the people and Parliament of Canada nothing but a fraud at the end of this month, nothing but some decoration with no content.

**CONTENTS OF FORTHCOMING STATEMENT**

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition):** Madam Speaker, will the Minister of Finance give this House a firm commitment that the economic statement which, he promised Parliament will be made while Parliament is sitting, and will contain new measures bringing help to the hundreds of thousands of Canadians who are suffering because of the economic policies of the government? Will it be a real economic statement, or simply another public relations exercise by this government?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance):** Madam Speaker, I disagree with much of what the Leader of the Opposition has said in his rather colourful and exaggerated Friday morning eloquence. I have no intention of telling the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition what I propose to say. I have already told the committee and the House that I will be reporting on the economic and financial situation. I told him that on Tuesday last, and he is now

characterizing the statement in various ways. I think he will have to wait to hear the statement and analyse it before he can make up his mind finally. I do not want to preview my statement, and I wish he would not preview his response.

**Mr. Broadbent:** You already have.

**Mr. Clark:** The minister has already said that his statement will not be major. He has already indicated there will not be the kind of help that Canadians require from the government if it had any sense of responsibility for the current economic situation.

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**NUCLEAR ENERGY****DESTINATION OF NUCLEAR FUEL EXPORTED TO ARGENTINA**

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the minister of state responsible for external relations. Can the minister say with certainty that the Government of Canada knows the final destination in Argentina of the nuclear fuel bundles being sent to that country from Canada?

**Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of State (External Relations)):** Madam Speaker, I will take this question as notice.

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**AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY****NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN JAPANESE MANUFACTURERS AND CANADIAN PARTS SUPPLIERS**

**Hon. Bill Jarvis (Perth):** Madam Speaker, recently in the House the Minister of State for International Trade indicated to me that two Japanese auto manufacturers were negotiating with Canadian parts suppliers. I presume he was referring to Mazda, which over a year and a half ago inspected some 15 plants but nothing has really transpired, and Honda, which received a list of 61 suppliers in April, and now apparently because of delays the negotiations will continue until at least August.

The minister must have more details of these negotiations than I do, but I ask him, without making any allegation, whether he is satisfied that they are being carried on in good faith by the Japanese manufacturers, or it is just window dressing, because the minister knows it is impossible to achieve fair trade without fair negotiations?

**Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of State (International Trade)):** Madam Speaker, I will not be satisfied until such time as we see a substantial increase in the sale of Canadian auto parts to the Japanese automobile manufacturers. I am not aware whether Mazda is one of the companies. Honda certainly is, and I think Nissan is the other company. However, according to the Automotive Parts Manufacturers' Association there has