

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, November 26, 1968

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

[Translation]

### HEALTH, WELFARE AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

#### SECOND REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Second report of permanent committee on health, welfare and social affairs—Mr. Gaston Isabelle (Hull).

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### TOBACCO RESTRAINT ACT

#### REQUIREMENT THAT HEALTH WARNING APPEAR ON CIGARETTE PACKAGES

**Mr. Antonio Yanakis (Berthier)** moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-134 intituled "An Act to amend the Tobacco Restraint Act".

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Yanakis:** Mr. Speaker, last week in a news release, the hon. Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Munro) drew the attention of Canadians to the health hazards of tobacco and published, for information purposes, a table of 85 brands of cigarettes giving their nicotine and tar contents.

Reports published recently by prominent chemists such as Dr. N. F. Forbes, professor at the Waterloo University, and other doctors throughout the world, have proved beyond a doubt that cigarettes can cause cancer, respiratory ailments, emphysema, coronary and other diseases.

**Mr. Speaker:** I must remind the hon. member that the provisions of standing order 71 allow him only a brief explanation at this time.

**Mr. Yanakis:** I therefore ask the house to give priority to this bill so that it may be referred as soon as possible to the committee on health, welfare and social affairs for consideration and immediate steps to be taken in the interest of the citizens of the country in order to force the cigarette companies to print on the packages: "Warning—Smoking is a—

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

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[English]

### THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

#### INQUIRY AS TO TABLING OF WHITE PAPER ON COSTS AND PRICES

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a follow up question to one I asked the Prime Minister a number of weeks ago. It relates to a promised or indicated white paper or statement regarding measures the government proposes to take to support its anti-inflationary program. My recollection is that the Prime Minister indicated that within a relatively short period of time he would be in a position to state the intention of the government in this regard. Can he tell me when we might expect such a statement?

**Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I believe the Leader of the Opposition is referring to a white paper on stabilization, or a board to stabilize prices and incomes. The Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs indicated in his speech to the house of about ten days ago, I believe, that this white paper would be in before the end of the year. That is as close a commitment as I can now give to the Leader of the Opposition.

**Mr. Stanfield:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is it proper to assume that the concept announced by the former prime minister last February with regard to the role of a prices and review board has been dropped, or at least very substantially changed, and a new concept adopted?

**Mr. Trudeau:** No, Mr. Speaker, I do not think there will be any fundamental departure from what was indicated by the then prime minister. As a matter of fact some of the plans he set forth have been followed by me in the sense that I have had meetings with leaders of labour and industry and have discussed these plans with them. I have also had several meetings with responsible people in the area of finance. I have asked advice of people who have looked at this kind of experiment in the United Kingdom, and the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs has done a great deal of work on it. I believe all this is in the general direction indicated earlier last year by Right Hon. L. B. Pearson.