

In other words, it is suggested that larger corporations are not responsive to competition and are major contributors to inflation. Would the Prime Minister say whether the deputy minister was enunciating government policy when she made that statement.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I think the member would draw some conclusions from the fact that we have made these guidelines enforceable precisely against these large corporations so there does seem to be a valid point in the statement of the Deputy Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and our precise action in this case seems to reflect it.

Mr. Leggatt: Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is this: Since the Prime Minister's royal commission on corporate concentration will not report for at least another year and has already pointed out that it will not look at the adequacy of the combines legislation, can the Prime Minister at least request the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and the deputy minister to table this body of considerable evidence the deputy minister talks about dealing with the effect of corporate concentrations and their contribution to inflation, so at least the House will have access to this considerable body of evidence when giving consideration to Bill C-73.

Mr. Trudeau: There are two points, Mr. Speaker. I understand that the Bryce Commission is beginning its hearings next week and that the New Democratic Party is submitting a brief to it. That is fine and we will see what argument they have. But if I were to make any suggestion, Mr. Speaker, it would be that the hon. member and his party, rather than be interested in these theories, should back the government's program which precisely is going to restrain prices against those very corporations.

INFLATION—PRIME MINISTER'S VIEW ON PERCENTAGE INDUCED DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister a question in this regard. I am under the impression that in July 1974 the Prime Minister indicated that the rise in our galloping inflation was primarily induced internationally whereas we, on the other hand, said it was induced domestically. I should like to ask the Prime Minister which one takes precedence and what percentage of our 11 per cent inflation rate now is domestically or internationally induced.

Mr. Speaker: In fairness, I should say that I have some doubt that this is the kind of information an hon. member should expect to receive during the question period. Perhaps the question might be posed in another way.

Mr. Alexander: Mr. Speaker, I would ask the Prime Minister whether he thinks the present rate of inflation at 11.2 per cent is primarily induced domestically, and to what extent?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): To a large extent, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Fundy-Royal.

Oral Questions

Mr. Alexander: Mr. Speaker, I have just one supplementary.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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INCOME TAX

REASON FOR OMISSION OF DAY CARE COSTS FROM INDEXING

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance of which I have given him notice. Why was the deduction for day-care cost not included among the income tax deductions subject to indexing, indexing incidentally which was a proposal first suggested by my leader, ridiculed by the government and now espoused as a breakthrough in policy development.

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, my advice is that those provisions of the Income Tax Act with regard to the child-care allowance did not have the benefit of the indexing provision.

An hon. Member: Why was it not included in the announcement the other day?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): In answer to the hon. gentleman's question as to why that was not included in the announcement the other day, it is because it is not in the law. I am prepared, of course, to undertake consideration of that for a future budget.

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CRIMINAL CODE

POSSIBILITY OF AMENDMENT TO COVER ASSAULTS OCCURRING DURING SPORTS EVENTS—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Herb Breau (Gloucester): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Justice. In view of the fact that the action by the Attorney General of Ontario with regard to violence in hockey, as the minister has admitted in the House, would only deal with the situation with regard to the existing law within the Criminal Code, would the minister consider amending the Criminal Code in order to make it clear, since the league probably would use the same kind of defence that was used in the Minnesota Forbes-Boucher case, that violence in hockey—and I refer to situations which can be seen as criminal assaults outside of sports—and assaults within professional sports will be charged as criminal assaults, as they would if they occurred outside of sport.

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware that we have the same difficulty in Canada as in the Minnesota case, but I would be happy to consider the Code. I will be meeting with the Attorney General of Ontario very shortly on a number of matters and will raise this with him.