

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

petroleum from Alberta, Canada, to the United States of America, or was this a result of negotiation between Canadian trade groups and the United States.

**Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, the national oil policy is a matter of continuing negotiation and arrangements between ourselves and the United States. The present arrangements are discussed fully with our United States counterparts and I think have been very much in the interests of the Canadian oil producers over the years.

**Mr. Woolliams:** Perhaps the minister did not quite understand my question. We all realize that the national oil policy is subject to negotiation, but did Canada negotiate this export loss in crude petroleum to the United States or was this done on a unilateral basis by the United States?

**Mr. Greene:** Mr. Speaker, I think the Canadian market in the United States has been increasing every year. It has gone up from some 117,000 barrels five years ago to, I think, more than 300,000 barrels per day during the first three quarters of the current year. I believe it is very much in the interest of Canada that this policy has been so effective.

**Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the report that appeared yesterday about the large cutback in receipts by the United States of Canadian oil, which indicates that the oil policy is not operating in the way it was intended to operate in 1961, will the minister make a statement on motions as early as possible outlining how it is operating?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Woolliams:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. In view of the fact that the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources did not answer the question I should like to give notice of my intention to debate this at ten o'clock.

**HIGHWAY SAFETY****INABILITY TO OBTAIN APPROVAL OF SEAT BELTS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. In his absence and the absence of his parliamentary assistant perhaps it may be taken as notice. My question deals with automotive [Mr. Woolliams.]

safety. Will the minister check with that part of his department which deals with the establishment of automotive safety standards to determine whether complaints have been made to the department by car importers who claim they cannot sell seat belts because—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Mather:** —they cannot get them approved by the department?

**HOUSING****REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF BRIEFS BY TASK FORCE**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the right hon. Prime Minister. Will he use his good offices in an attempt to persuade the Minister of Transport to give an adequate and proper hearing to important briefs prepared by highly responsible and knowledgeable organizations such as the Toronto real estate board, which has attempted to present a brief to the task force on housing without apparent success?

**FINANCE****COMPENSATION TO VENDING MACHINE OPERATORS FOLLOWING COINAGE CHANGE**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Finance I should like to direct my question to the acting minister. In view of the increased circulation of the new Canadian coinage, which is not of such a nature as to work in vending machines, will the minister inform the house whether the owners of vending machines will be compensated for the mechanisms they will have to replace?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. My recollection is that this question has been asked before. I must confess that I do not remember whether an answer was given at the time, but perhaps the hon. member might like to promote a discussion of the subject at the time of adjournment.

**DRUGS****INQUIRY AS TO ACTION TO CONTROL INCREASED NARCOTICS TRAFFIC**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. J. W. Monteith (Perth):** Mr. Speaker, in view of continuing reports about dangerous drugs such as LSD, STP and others falling