

*Inquiries of the Ministry***GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION****SPEECH BY MINISTER OF ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES IN DENVER—GOVERNMENT POLICY**

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, in order to get around the ruling that Your Honour made yesterday—legally, that is—I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he would make a statement on motions indicating the extent to which the government accepts the policy laid down in the Denver speech, “the” speech of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, and do the government and the Prime Minister encourage the making by individual ministers of belligerent and narrowly chauvinistic speeches to gain temporary political advantage?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member will recognize that the first part of his question might have been in order but I am afraid it degenerated somewhat.

Mr. Baldwin: I would withdraw the degenerative part.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS**EFFECT OF SURTAX ON SHIRTS ON LOW-INCOME GROUP—CONSULTATION WITH MINISTER BEFORE DECISION**

Mr. David Anderson (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In view of the fact that Canadian consumers, in particular low-income consumers, will be seriously affected by the move taken yesterday by the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce to curb the importation of low-cost shirts, may I ask the minister whether he was consulted about this decision and, if so, whether he agreed with it?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the announcement that was made yesterday was, of course, an announcement by the government of Canada, of which I am part, and it represents a very nice balance between the interests of domestic manufacturers, Canadian consumers and our international obligations. I noticed with interest that the spokesmen for the two opposition parties, unlike the hon. member yesterday, took no account of the consumers—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This is debate.

[Mr. Munro.]

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**INFLATION—PRESENTING OF PROPOSAL BY PRICES AND INCOMES COMMISSION ON WAGE RESTRAINT**

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs a question. Earlier in the afternoon he indicated that the Prices and Incomes Commission was now preoccupied with studying what he said was the wages and salaries aspect of inflation. Are we to assume from this that the Prices and Incomes Commission is in the process of preparing a new proposal in regard to wage restraint or something of that order? If so, when might this be expected?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, in accordance with its terms of reference the commission is exploring a number of initiatives that might prove useful. When it is appropriate to make an announcement, one will be made in due course either by the government or by the commission.

CANADA ASSISTANCE PLAN**CORNWALL—REFUSAL OF BENEFITS TO WORKERS ON STRIKE**

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Has the minister's attention been drawn to the fact that men who are on strike in Cornwall, Ontario, have been refused welfare assistance by the director? Since this seems to be very similar to the policy that has been followed in British Columbia which the minister is presently investigating, may I ask the minister whether he has looked into this allegation, whether or not it is true and, if it is true, what action does he propose to take with regard to it?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I have not been advised by my officials in the Cornwall area of this particular situation. If the leader of the New Democratic Party so advises me now, I will be pleased to look into it.

NATIONAL DEFENCE**FUTURE USE OF RIVERS AIR BASE**

Mr. Craig Stewart (Marquette): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the