

the present time, all exports of that type are governed by controls and rules. Additional regulations are now being considered, and I shall soon be in a position to advise the hon. member of the results of that study.

**Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue):** Mr. Speaker, on a supplementary.

The minister tells me that exports have been controlled since the end of 1975. Does the same apply to imports? Do companies in Montreal or Toronto import blood from South American countries, for instance, where blood is bought for so much a pint, a half pint, or something similar, and where people are allowed to drink alcohol to increase their blood quantity? I should also like to know if blood coming into Montreal is also controlled?

**Mr. Lalonde:** Mr. Speaker, with regard to imports, a distinction must be made between two factors: the case where imports are strictly in transit and over which no control can be exercised. We are now looking into specific regulations that could apply to the import into Canada of blood products coming from abroad but intended for export.

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#### ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

##### DATE OF APPROVAL OF PROCEDURE FOR ANTI-INFLATION APPEALS TRIBUNAL

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question to that asked by the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby to the Minister of Justice. Can the minister advise if the rules of procedure in connection with the appeal structure of the Anti-Inflation Appeals Tribunal have been approved yet, including the form of notice of appeal, and if so, when will they be published?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Justice):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. As hon. members know, the chairman of the board was only appointed last Friday. This morning was the first cabinet meeting at which there was opportunity to report the rules of procedure as they have been passed by the governor in council. They will be registered tomorrow, after the Governor General signs them, and published in the first *Canada Gazette*. It is a very simple set of procedural rules of some four pages in length. If before they are registered anyone feels the need to appeal, between now and Friday, I am sure a letter identifying the order against which they wish to appeal directed to the chairman would suffice.

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#### INDUSTRY

##### REQUEST FOR REPORT ON MEASURES TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY

**Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. As Statistics Canada has just reported that during the past two years imports of fully manufactured products, which

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are the ones which produce jobs, have increased at a rate three times as fast as exports of those products, could the Prime Minister advise the House when he intends to give the House his long awaited report on what the government intends to do to increase productivity and thereby make it possible to reduce costs and selling prices for manufactured goods to retain a reasonable proportion of the Canadian market?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, on the question of productivity the hon. member will recall that a couple of weeks ago I indicated that we would, in one form or another, be addressing this question. However, with regard to the fact that we are able to buy more manufactured goods from abroad than markets abroad are able to buy of ours, that merely indicates what this government has been saying for a long time, that this government has kept Canada more prosperous than our trading partners have kept their countries.

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

**Mr. Hees:** Mr. Speaker, as the Prime Minister surely knows from studying these reports, the imports of fully manufactured products have been rapidly displacing Canadian manufactured products which normally would sell in this country, and I hope he understands that. In view of the fact that this government treats productivity in the same way it treats the weather, talking a lot about it but doing absolutely nothing to improve it, I wonder if the Prime Minister would assure us that the statement he has promised to the House will be made in a matter of days instead of weeks or months, because it is very badly needed.

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, the situation is obviously one of concern to the government, and I indicated before on the productivity question that not only had we discussed this in the policy paper of October 14, but that we were going to report further on it. I just suggest that one of the reasons was that we were having an inflationary rate in Canada which was worse than that of some of our important trading partners. That is why we brought in this controls program, and we cannot understand why the official opposition voted against it.

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#### HOUSE OF COMMONS

##### PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, let me just interrupt the debates for one moment to salute the presence in the gallery of Mr. Ortoli, President of the Commission of the European Economic Community. We welcome him in this Parliament.