

that in all likelihood negotiations are going ahead for the development of what has been described as the world's largest nuclear reactor at Stoddart Island off the coast of Nova Scotia. First of all I want to ask whether or not at this point in time there have been any negotiations between the developers of that project and his department and, if so, is the minister satisfied that the reason for their coming to Nova Scotia is legal difficulties in the United States, and are the safety standards involved in the building of a plant of this magnitude being met by the developers?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I have not participated in any such discussions and I am not aware that there have been any recently. I would remind the hon. gentleman that the Atomic Energy Control Board has jurisdiction from parliament to control any such installation and that the board has expressed its reservations about the safety of the American-type reactor. On that basis, and using the question of the hon. gentleman for the purpose, I might remind interested parties that the board would have to be satisfied about the safety of any reactor.

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#### INCOME TAX

##### REPORTED ILLEGAL AVOIDANCE OF TAXES BY CHRYSLER CANADA

**Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Revenue. In view of the report that Chrysler Canada has illegally avoided paying taxes totalling approximately \$34 million for 1967-68 by inappropriately claiming losses which accrued to its dealers, will the minister inform the House whether or not his department has investigated this and, if so, would he inform the House what his decision has been on the matter?

**Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. member knows that it would not be proper for me to discuss any individual tax case here.

**Mr. Broadbent:** In view of the seriousness of the charge respecting this major tax evasion, would the minister table any copies of letters between the Chrysler Corporation and the internal revenue service of the United States on this subject, which I am informed are in his department?

**Mr. Stanbury:** Mr. Speaker, I have no knowledge of any such correspondence and I am not certain that tabling it would be proper either, but I will be glad to look into the matter.

**Mr. Broadbent:** Would the minister inform the House whether any present member of the cabinet has interceded on behalf of Chrysler Corporation on this matter?

**Mr. Stanbury:** Not with me, Mr. Speaker.

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

#### Oral Questions

[Translation]

#### SOCIAL SECURITY

##### REPRESENTATION OF PARTIES AT FORTHCOMING FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

**Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the hon. Minister of National Health and Welfare, I should like to address my question to the right hon. Prime Minister.

In view of the federal-provincial conference which is to take place in the near future for the purpose of reviewing the whole question of social security in Canada, does the hon. Prime Minister intend to invite representatives of all political parties sitting in the House to participate?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I do not believe a decision has been made as yet as to whether the conference will be *in camera* or public.

If it is public, we shall probably, as usual, reserve seats for observers, and members of the political parties represented in the House will have priority over the general public.

[Later:]

##### FAMILY ALLOWANCES—PRIORITY ON AGENDA OF FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

**Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary to the right hon. Prime Minister.

Since the federal-provincial conference is to take place on April 25, 26 and 27, and since the Quebec Minister of Social Affairs intends to take part, would the Prime Minister say whether the question of family allowances will have priority in the upcoming discussions?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** There may have been a mistake, Mr. Speaker, and I am sorry if there has, but I thought the hon. member was referring to the first ministers' conference.

If this is his question, the answer is that the agenda has not yet been drawn up. If the hon. member is referring to the matter of the welfare ministers' conference, I would ask the parliamentary secretary to answer. But first let us find out if I have got the question right.

**Mr. Latulippe:** Mr. Speaker, my question is about the coming federal-provincial conference, which is to take place on April 25, 26 and 27. It is a conference of health and welfare ministers.

[English]

**Mr. Norman A. Cafik (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, the whole purpose of the federal-provincial conference of welfare ministers is to discuss an over-all review of all welfare programs, and in the area of social security family allowances form a very important part and they will certainly be discussed at that conference.