

synthetic oil, including Suncor and Syncrude production, and oil from Canada lands, as specified in the Memorandum of Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta of September 1, 1981. This definition would also make provision for including production for the Cold Lake project in Alberta.

The New Oil Reference Price schedule is also set out in the Canada-Alberta Agreement of September 1, 1981. That schedule provides for prices up to a ceiling of \$49.22 per barrel on July 1, 1982, rising to \$77.48 on July 1, 1986, the actual price at a given time being the lesser of the Agreement ceiling price and the international oil price, adjusted for quality differences.

An announcement by my colleague, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources of March 2 extended the New Oil Reference Price program to liquids extracted from wet gas pools, to crude bitumen and heavy oil from experimental projects in oil sands and conventional crude produced from qualifying drilling space units in heavy oil fields in Alberta.

## INDUSTRY

### MASSEY-FERGUSON LIMITED—GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of State for Economic Development):** Honourable senators, I have another delayed answer in response to a question raised on March 4 by Senator Nurgitz which concerned financial assistance to Massey-Ferguson.

I can inform the honourable senator that I have checked with my colleagues and can confirm today that no recent overtures have been made by Massey-Ferguson seeking further financial assistance from the federal government.

## CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

### TRADEMARK BILL

**Hon. Raymond J. Perrault (Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, I have a delayed answer to the question asked by Senator Godfrey on February 11 concerning the re-introduction of the trademark bill.

Honourable senators, the government is not planning the re-introduction of the trademark bill in the immediate future. I understand that the bill is still in the department undergoing some fine tuning, and that it should be re-introduced before too long.

## UNITED NATIONS

### INTERNATIONAL SATELLITE MONITORING AGENCY— CANADIAN INITIATIVE

**Hon. Raymond J. Perrault (Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, I have a delayed answer in response to the question asked by Senator Thompson on March 9, 1982, concerning the International Satellite Monitoring Agency.

A feasibility study was commissioned by the Department of External Affairs to evaluate reports and other relevant documents

available from a number of sources, including suggestions made by certain NGOs. This study will serve as the basis of an interdepartmental evaluation to arrive at the government's position at UNGA37.

The concept of international verification is one to which Canada subscribes, but the process must be practical and feasible.

Aside from financial and technical aspects, a number of very real problems in the political, legal and organizational fields are apparent. An example relates to the authority of the United Nations, which is not a sovereign body but an organization of sovereign states.

To have a reasonable prospect of success, the government contends that the two space powers, the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R., must co-operate in the venture.

Canada is interested in examining a number of different applications of the concept to the arms control process. Since such application would be in the multilateral context, a survey would have to be made to determine if existing multilateral agreements are sufficient to warrant the development of such a verification system.

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## LABOUR ADJUSTMENT BENEFITS BILL

### CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE—DEBATE ADJOURNED

Leave having been given to revert to Reports of Committees:

**Hon. Florence B. Bird, Deputy Chairman of Standing Senate Committee on Health, Welfare and Science,** presented the following report:

Tuesday, March 16, 1982

The Standing Senate Committee on Health, Welfare, and Science to which was referred Bill C-78, intituled: "An Act to provide for the payment of benefits to laid-off employees and to amend the Canada Labour Code", has, in obedience to the order of reference of Wednesday, March 3, 1982, examined the said Bill and now reports the same without amendment.

Your Committee, however, considers that certain minor changes in the wording of the English version of the bill are needed to make the form of the bill more acceptable. Since such changes would not affect the substance of the bill, your Committee recommends that the changes be incorporated when the bill, after it becomes law, is consolidated in the next revision of the public general statutes of Canada.

The changes recommended by your Committee and the reasons for the changes are as follows:

1. *Page 2, Clause 2:* Strike out lines 12 and 13 and substitute the following:

""labour adjustment benefits" means the benefits payable under this Act;"

[Senator Olson.]