

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): If I understand the question well, the idea would be to start implementing the future bill in anticipation of what it would include and that is not our intention.

UNITED STATES DISC PROGRAM—PROVISION OF
INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY HEADS OF AUTOMOBILE
COMPANIES

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of the fact there will be no possibility of the minister making any statement in the budget debate until Thursday or Friday of next week, how can he possibly justify keeping from the House and country important information about the extent to which automobile companies in the United States are using DISC?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The Leader of the Opposition will agree with me, I am sure, that this is argument, not a question.

DIFFERENTIAL IN CAR PRICES IN FAVOUR OF UNITED
STATES PURCHASERS—DISCUSSION WITH HEADS OF
AUTOMOBILE COMPANIES

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce whether he discussed with the heads of the automobile companies, when he met them the fact that Canadian automobiles produced in Canada are now being sold for substantially less in the United States than in Canada and what they propose to do about it?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I am not trying to be difficult. It is just that it is a very complicated matter. On the subject of the use of DISC, for example, the four companies are in a different situation—

Mr. Stanfield: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, may I suggest it would be appropriate for the minister to make a statement on motions on this subject with full disclosure.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps we might return to this subject in a moment. Obviously there are a number of supplementaries. I will recognize the hon. member for Winnipeg North for a further supplementary, then the hon. member for Lotbinière and then return to supplementaries on this subject.

Mr. Pepin: Mr. Speaker, it might be helpful—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Winnipeg North.

Mr. Orlikow: Mr. Speaker, I have no further supplementary. I would like the minister to answer the question I asked.

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Mr. Pepin: The question asked concerns the differential between the price of automobiles in Canada and the United States at the present time and how one accounts for that. This is exactly what I intend to present to the House next week. I will be indicating what the difference is, what the justifications are, and will be expressing a view on how justified the justification is.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Obviously a number of supplementaries are sought. I think they should be allowed in a short while, but in fairness the Chair will go to a representative of the party to my extreme left.

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YOUTH

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—REQUEST FOR
INQUIRY INTO RESIGNATION OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS—
VERIFICATION OF LIST OF PROJECTS

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, in view of the resignation of eight officials of the Opportunities for Youth program and their allegations of political interference, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister.

Is it the intention of the Prime Minister to check this information for correctness so as to reassure parliament and the people as to the integrity of this program?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I think I can reassure the people, Mr. Speaker. If there was any political interference, I think that the programs would not be spread as they are over all parts of the country.

As to the minister's attitude, I can also answer for it. It consists precisely in preventing any political interference from people who intended to use this program as a vehicle for their own ideologies.

Mr. Fortin: Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question.

The Prime Minister's comments are quite reassuring. Nevertheless, could he tell us whether it is true that four lists of projects were submitted, that is one to the Quebec premier, another to the members, another to the Prime Minister's office and one to the RCMP before those projects were approved? Is it true?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, the minister has always recognized that all the parties concerned were consulted. I suppose that it could mean the Quebec government and in some security matters the RCMP. But I do not agree that there were lists as suggested by the hon. member.

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Mr. Speaker: The Chair will now recognize members with supplementaries on the previous subject. I believe the hon. member for Winnipeg North has a further supplementary.