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of war. Would the Minister give consideration to the possibility of doing something about this kind of advertising in view of its adverse effects on children?

Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, in terms of the specific question raised by the Hon. Member I think it is advisable for the House to know that there are consumer groups that have raised the question of advertising of war toys that are on the market at Christmas. I would think it is a better approach for consumers to take appropriate action rather than for the Government to legislate.

WESTERN EUROPEAN GUIDELINES

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, a number of Governments of western European countries have sat down with the industry and worked out voluntary guidelines to limit that kind of advertising. Would the Minister consider that?

Mr. Speaker: Does the Hon. Member have a question?

Mr. Deans: He did. He said: "Would the Minister consider that?"

Mr. Speaker: Is the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain asking to rise? Does the Hon. Member have a question?

Mr. Deans: Just trying to be helpful.

Mr. Orlikow: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Minister would consider having his Department sit down with the industry to work out guidelines.

Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, in reply to the question put by the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain—

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Epp (Provencher): —I want to indicate to him that, through the Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, meetings take place with advertisers in various industries, and if that is the appropriate forum, I am sure it can be considered.

FITNESS AND AMATEUR SPORT

REPORTED IMPORTATION OF DRUGS BY SOVIET ATHLETES

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport. Will the Hon. Minister either confirm or deny that three Soviet athletes have been charged with bringing drugs into the country?

Hon. Otto Jelinek (Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport)): Mr. Speaker, I thank the Hon. Member for his question. I have been informed that three Soviet weightlifters were indeed detained at Mirabel International Airport last

evening. They were found to have in their possession restricted drugs, contrary to the provisions of the Canadian Food and Drugs Act. The matter is now in the hands of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and, therefore, I am not in a position to make any further statements.

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CLERK OF PETITIONS' REPORT

REDUCTION IN POSTAL SERVICE

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the petition presented by the Hon. Member for Fundy-Royal (Mr. Corbett) on Thursday, December 6, 1984, meets the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

PRIVILEGE

REMARKS OF MR. ROBINSON ALLEGED CONTEMPT OF PARLIAMENT

Mr. Speaker: I must advise the House that I have received a question of privilege standing in the name of the Hon. Member York South-Weston (Mr. Nunziata).

Mr. John V. Nunziata (York South-Weston): Mr. Speaker, my question of privilege relates to certain allegations which were made by the Hon. Member for Burnaby (Mr. Robinson) at the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs meeting on Monday. I have notified the Hon. Member of the proceedings today.

Mr. Waddell: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker: I cannot hear a point of order during a question of privilege; the Member knows that.

Mr. Nunziata: Mr. Speaker, on Monday, under the cloak of parliamentary immunity, the Hon. Member for Burnaby alleged without substantiating evidence that Mr. Robert Foulkes, a former Vice-President of Petro-Canada, and Mr. Fred Rayer, a Vice-President for International Explorations, were CIA spies. The Hon. Member for Burnaby stated:

I would also ask the Minister, while he is making those inquiries, to make inquiries about another allegation which I do not have any documentation on, but which I received from the same source as the source of this document—the authenticity of which, by the way, I have had confirmed through the American embassy; that is, the authenticity of the document—and that is an allegation that the CIA have been involved in the penetration at a very senior level of Petro-Canada. In this committee, Mr. Chairman, just so the Minister can be specific in making inquiries, the allegation is that a former Vice-President of Public Affairs of Petro-Canada, a Mr. Foulkes, as well as Mr. Rayer—that is, Bob Foulkes and Mr. Fred Rayer, who is currently working for Petro-Canada Resources as Vice-President, Explorations International—may have been either tasked by the CIA or originally involved with the CIA in some capacity, and the purpose for their having been tasked was to obtain information from Petro-Canada. As I say, I have no—

Mr. Deans: What is the privilege?