

*Inquiries of the Ministry***URBAN AFFAIRS****DEVELOPMENT OF PROCESS TO PRODUCE DRINKING WATER FROM RECYCLED SEWAGE—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON POSSIBLE APPLICATION**

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the minister responsible for Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Now that the minister has survived a \$400,000 sip of tasteless water made from recycled sewage, does the government intend to promote the use of this newly developed recycling system in Canada and, if so, will the minister make a statement to the House as to the areas in which this system should prove useful?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I will be happy to send the hon. member a complimentary bottle of recycled water.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Basford: The pilot project that has been financed by CMHC and the Ontario Research Foundation is producing absolutely pure water. It is still being refined from the points of view of economics and engineering, but the experts are very enthusiastic that it will prove out—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I regret interrupting the minister but I do feel that this kind of question normally ought to be placed on the order paper. I fail to see the urgency of the question.

Mr. Ryan: Mr. Speaker, may I ask a supplementary question. Now that the minister's appetite has been whetted, and mine as well, would he not tell us whether CMHC has plans to introduce this system immediately in any of its current projects?

Mr. Basford: No, Mr. Speaker. It will be 1973 before that is ready.

Mr. Colin D. Gibson (Hamilton-Wentworth): As a supplementary question—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I think the Chair might very easily have suggested at the start that the original question be placed on the order paper, but since it was asked and answered the hon. member will be recognized for a supplementary.

Mr. Gibson: Mr. Speaker, I hope the House will forgive me for asking a supplementary, but there is a potentially tremendous tax saving if the municipalities of Canada can be informed. I would ask leave to ask the minister—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Would the hon. member ask his question?

Mr. Gibson: —if he will so inform the municipalities?

Mr. Basford: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

[Mr. Trudeau.]

TRADE**POSSIBILITY OF RETALIATION BY CANADA IF COUNTERVAILING DUTY IMPOSED BY UNITED STATES AGAINST CERTAIN MICHELIN TIRES**

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. It has to do with his suggestion that Canada might find a way of redress against the United States if the Americans go ahead with countervailing measures against Michelin tires. He has indicated that this could possibly be in the area of defence purchasing. Would the minister indicate what possibly could be gained from that inasmuch as government is the only purchaser of defence equipment?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I deeply regret that a very good newspaper drew the conclusion that I was talking about retaliation. I was simply analysing in a very professional way—I sometimes go back to previous incarnations—the vagueness and broadness of the concept of countervailing, mentioning that countervailing could be used against different types of subsidies.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Forrestall: As a supplementary—

Mr. Speaker: We are running short of time and there are still a number of members in the back rows waiting to ask questions. I hope there will not be too many supplementaries.

Mr. Forrestall: I will attempt to respect your wishes, Mr. Speaker. Did I understand the Minister correctly that defence is probably not the most likely area for countervailing duties?

Mr. Pepin: Unlikely, Mr. Speaker.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION**NUMBER OF UNITED STATES BRANCH PLANT COMPANIES THAT HAVE RECEIVED INCENTIVE GRANTS**

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce if an assessment has been made of the number of branch plant operations of United States companies that have received grants under the Regional Development Incentives Act in Canada, and if this information has been made known to the United States government?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Not to my knowledge, Mr. Speaker, but the point I was making the other day is that there is no concerted United States action against regional development in Canada. The case we are talking about now, Michelin, is an exceptional one, and because there has been a complaint.