

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

or, if not presented, will the plans be leaked in the usual way by the government?

UNITED STATES DISC PROPOSAL—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON GOVERNMENT MEASURES—PLANT RELOCATION MONITORING—GENERAL ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PLAN EXPANSION

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the right hon. Prime Minister. In view of the fact that the Nixon administration and the United States Senate and House of Representatives have all agreed in principle on the DISC proposal and its passage awaits only a conference of the Senate and the House to determine the percentage of the tax deferment that will be permitted, and in view of the very serious repercussions that this will have on Canadian exports and Canadian jobs, is the Prime Minister prepared now, or will he be prepared on motions tomorrow, to make a statement on the measures that the Canadian government proposes to take to deal with this matter? In particular, may I ask him if any monitoring machinery has been set up to ascertain whether there are indications of plant relocation south of the border, or in order to monitor any future indications of such plant relocation that might arise?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I will consider the suggestions made by the hon. member, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Douglas:** In view of the fact that according to the alleged cabinet document of July 29 the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce was asked by the cabinet to prepare plans for an expansion of the General Adjustment Assistance Plan, GAAP, have such plans been completed, and when will the government be able to tell us what this expansion of GAAP entails?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, I do not think it would be good practice to comment on cabinet documents which have not been made public.

**Mr. Douglas:** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Hamilton West on a supplementary and return to the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands later.

[Later:]

**Mr. Douglas:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the right hon. Prime Minister if it is the government's intention to expand the General Adjustment Assistance Program, and in view of the fact that contingent upon such expansion would be an outline of the government's industrial strategy, does the government intend within the next few days to make a statement both with respect to its industrial strategy and expansion of the GAAP?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, I will inform myself of the intentions of the various ministers in this regard.

UNITED STATES DISC PROPOSAL—POSSIBLE SPLITTING OF INCOME TAX BILL TO ENABLE RECONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** Mr. Speaker, now that the DISC program is more than likely to come into effect, and in view of the fact that in this House we are dealing with a tax bill that is now outdated, is it the intention of the government just to introduce the more attractive features of that bill and hold the other controversial parts for further consideration?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** No, Mr. Speaker.

UNITED STATES DISC PROPOSAL—ESTIMATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT THAT MAY BE CAUSED IN CANADA

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** In view of the fact that at the time the United States surcharge was invoked on August 15 the government produced figures with respect to the trade losses and the jobs that would be lost as a result of that surcharge, has the government now got any figures on what the DISC program will mean in terms of unemployment in Canada? As I recall it, the government estimated that if the surcharge remained in effect for a year the unemployment caused by it would total some 90,000 jobs. Has the government any figures in this regard?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Well, Mr. Speaker, the figures we do have show that exports have continued to go up in the past ten months.

**Mr. Alexander:** Mr. Speaker, I direct one further supplementary question to the Minister of Labour. In view of the fact that the country will certainly be faced with massive lay-offs in the future, can the minister advise when in fact he will have the regulatory provisions regarding bi-weekly and bi-monthly computations in order that industry can now calculate the type of formula that will be used?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour):** I hope fairly soon, Mr. Speaker. The hon. gentleman has pointed to an area which is very complex, and I think he can well understand the degree of planning required necessitates a certain degree of co-operation and openness that hitherto has not always been available.

**Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary to the original question and I will direct it to the Prime Minister as soon as I can get his attention. In view of the fact that I and other Members of Parliament are on the mailing list of the Prime Minister's office, would the Prime Minister give consideration to putting members of the House on the leak list?

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!