

*Inquiries of the Ministry***FINANCE****BLACKLISTINGS BY U.S. SECURITIES  
COMMISSION**

**Mr. Max Saltzman (Waterloo):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Has the attention of the minister been drawn to the fact that Canada is now at the top of the blacklist of the securities commission in the United States? If his attention has been drawn to this fact, would he indicate to the house what measures he intends to take to restore Canada's good name?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the report the hon. member refers to has not been brought to my attention but I will see that it is immediately. It is in order to maintain and protect Canada's international reputation that both the government and I are anxious to make progress in the establishment of some form of national securities administration.

[Later:]

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** A moment ago in answer to the hon. member for Waterloo reference was made to a statement issued by the S.E.C. I have now had an opportunity to review that statement and I think I should place on record that this is a report from the *Financial Post* of March 8 which refers to 19 Canadian companies. It should not be taken as reflecting upon or in any way affecting the generally good reputation enjoyed by Canadian companies in foreign markets.

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGES****HOUSE PROCEDURE ON LEGISLATION**

**Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the President of the Privy Council in his role as house leader. Is it the intention of the government to bring forward the official languages bill before we adjourn for the Easter recess, or is it the government's plan to shelve it until after the by-election, as demanded by the Liberal organizers in British Columbia?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member may recall that as a result of the federal-provincial conference my colleague the Minister of Justice agreed to consult with the western premiers regarding this bill in order to bring forward certain amendments, if

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thought necessary. I think we should act in conformity with that request. Therefore I am not expecting that the bill will be before the house by next week.

Perhaps while I am on my feet I could make the statement of business for the coming week, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Before the hon. minister does this, the Chair might be given an opportunity to recognize two or three members who are particularly anxious to ask a question.

**TRADE****ONIONS—SHIPMENT TO U.K. FROM MONTREAL**

**Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent-Essex):** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Has the minister taken any action to facilitate the shipment of the 5,000 or 6,000 tons of Ontario onions to the United Kingdom from the port of Montreal, as requested by the industry, to enable the complete fulfilment of this very necessary sale?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** My department has been involved in that, but if I am not mistaken the Minister of Labour took responsibility to help. I will report on the matter tomorrow anyway.

**NATIONAL DEFENCE****TALKS ABOUT A.B.M. SYSTEM WITH  
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS**

**Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister relative to his trip to Washington? In view of his remarks yesterday regarding the A.B.M. system, indicating that he had not yet made up his mind he wished to deal with the matter, could he advise the house whether he will be seeing people in Washington other than the President concerning this matter? If so, will he in particular be seeing congressional leaders to discuss this matter?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the invitation is by the President of the United States, and that is the object of my travelling to Washington. During my stay there I hope to have informal meetings with other leaders and other people in Washington, but they will not be business meetings.