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**AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY****RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION INTO APPLICATION OF REBATE PROGRAM**

**Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain):** Madam Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. On Friday last my colleague from Broadview-Greenwood asked a question with regard to the rebate program in the United States. The minister answered that he would look into it. Has the minister spoken to the auto manufacturers involved, to whom did he speak, on which day did he speak, and what did he say?

**Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Madam Speaker, promptly after answering the question in the House last week, I instructed senior officials from my department to get in touch with management of the motor vehicle manufacturers. The reports I have indicate that there are equivalent and, in some cases, better programs of rebates available to Canadian consumers offered by the three great motor vehicle manufacturers which are being extensively advertised by them, and I would be happy to provide further details in a forum which provides more time to give a detailed answer than the daily question period.

**An hon. Member:** How about a statement on motions?

**Mr. Deans:** In light of the minister's answer, why are we paying substantially more for vehicles in Canada than the sale price for similar vehicles in the United States?

**An hon. Member:** Five or six hundred dollars.

**Mr. Gray:** As I recall, the question last week related to the matter of whether a rebate program on interest rates in the United States for motor vehicle sales there, was available in Canada. The information I have received indicates that equivalent programs are available here. If one looks at the general question of differences in prices, we must take into account facts such as the existence of a federal sales tax here which does not exist in the United States, as well as the difference in exchange rates; but in terms of the question which my hon. friend expressly asked me last week, I promptly looked into the matter, and I have given him a summary of information I have received. I will be happy to give him more detailed information in a forum enabling me to speak at greater length than the daily question period.

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**MESSAGE TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN****CONGRATULATIONS ON ENGAGEMENT OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE CHARLES**

**Madam Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received informing the House that the

*Message from the Senate*

Senate has agreed to an Address to Her Most Excellent Majesty the Queen expressing our great happiness to Her Majesty and His Royal Highness the Prince Philip on the announcement of the engagement and forthcoming marriage of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer and have filled up the blank spaces left therein with the words "Senate and".

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**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE****ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN ON ENGAGEMENT OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE CHARLES**

**Madam Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate as follows:

**RESOLVED:** That the following Address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor General, namely:—

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Edward Richard Schreyer, Chancellor and Principal Companion of the Order of Canada, Chancellor and Commander of the Order of Military Merit upon whom has been conferred the Canadian Forces' Decoration, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada:

**MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:**

The Senate of Canada, in Parliament assembled, have agreed to an Address to Her Most Excellent Majesty the Queen expressing our great happiness to Her Majesty and His Royal Highness the Prince Philip on the announcement of the engagement and forthcoming marriage of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer, and respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to transmit the said Address to Her Majesty the Queen.

**ORDERED:** That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed an Address to His Excellency the Governor General respectfully requesting that His Excellency may be pleased to transmit the said Address to Her Most Excellent Majesty the Queen expressing our great happiness to Her Majesty and His Royal Highness the Prince Philip on the announcement of the engagement and forthcoming marriage of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer, and request the House of Commons to unite with this House in the Address to His Excellency the Governor General by inserting therein the words "and Commons".

**Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council):** Therefore, Madam Speaker, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Nepean-Carleton (Mr. Baker):

That this House do agree with the Senate in the said Address to His Excellency the Governor General respectfully requesting that His Excellency may be pleased to transmit the joint Address to Her Most Excellent Majesty the Queen;

That the words "and Commons" be inserted in the said Address of the Senate; and

That a message be sent to the Senate informing Their Honours that this House unites with the Senate in the said Address.

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please. Hon. members have heard the motion moved by the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Pinard) and seconded by the hon. member for Nepean-Carleton (Mr. Baker).

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.