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COMMONS DEBATES

was extended to our own delegation when it journeyed to Poland last year.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker: I thank the head of the delegation, Mr. Wycech, a high dignitary of the Seym, for his visit to the parliament of Canada, and I wish him and his colleagues a happy return to Poland.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

[English]

TRADE

TABLING OF INTERNATIONAL GRAINS AGREEMENT

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to table in French and English texts of the international grains arrangement, 1967, concluded in Rome on August 18, 1967. It is the intention to place this arrangement before parliament at the appropriate time for approval.

Mr. Speaker: Does the hon. minister have leave to table the document?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

CRIMINAL CODE

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING AIR AND WATER POLLUTION

Mr. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-171, to amend the Criminal Code (air and water pollution).

He said: Mr. Speaker, this bill would make it a crime to release pollutants into the atmosphere or public waterways of Canada which cause or are capable of causing undue harm to the health of persons. The new paragraphs would fall under the section dealing with criminal negligence.

This was prompted by the recent information to the effect that pollution in our large cities, in particular Montreal, has increased to extremely dangerous levels. This is one attempt to deal with the problem. I might say, Mr. Speaker, that this bill was prepared and submitted before the debate which started in this house on Monday.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

Questions QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

TRADE WITH RHODESIA

Question No. 362-Mr. Ormiston:

1. Does the government of Canada receive a monthly trade statistic return from the O.E.C.D.?

2. On the basis of O.E.C.D. trade statistics and any other information available to the government for the period January 1, 1967, to September 1, 1967, what has been the percentage increase in exports from Germany, France, Japan, E.E.C. as a whole, E.F.T.A. as a whole, Spain, Italy, The Netherlands and the United States to Rhodesia as compared to the period January 1, 1966, to September 1, 1966?

3. Has the government of Canada made representations to the governments of France, The Netherlands and Japan with particular reference to the large increase in exports of motor vehicles to Rhodesia?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): 1. Yes.

2. The following data were taken from the O.E.C.D. trade statistics, series A, July 1967 and supplement August 1967, which are the most recent figures available on a comparable basis.

Exports (f.o.b.) by selected countries to Rhodesia (\$U.S. million)

	January-May		Absolute
	1966	1967	change
West Germany	3.8	5.5	+1.7
France	1.2	2.0	+ .8
Italy	2.1	.7	-1.4
Netherlands	1.8	1.9	+ .1
Total E.E.C.	10.5	10.8	+ .3
E.F.T.A.	6.8	3.4	-3.4
Spain	.1	_	1
Japan	3.2	4.6	+1.4
U.S.A.	3.8	2.1	-1.7

3. No.

AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION IN NORTH

Question No. 365-Mr. Laprise:

1. How much was spent (a) in the Northwest Territories (b) in the Yukon, for the construction or improvement of airfields during the years 1965-66 and 1966-67?

2. What sum has been set aside to be spent on the same items during the year 1967-68?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): In so far as the Department of Transport is concerned:

1.			1965-66	1966-67	
(a)	Northwest	Territories	\$897,296	\$345,426	
(b)	Yukon		\$178.222	\$401,447	