

### FOOD PRICES REVIEW BOARD

#### POSSIBILITY OF RESTRICTED TERMS OF REFERENCE— GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, is the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs in a position to assure the House that the already narrow terms of reference of the Food Prices Review Board will not be further restricted as outlined in that enlightened speech by the hon. member for Windsor West and, more particularly, in view of the statement by Mrs. Plumptre that she would resign if in fact the terms of reference were further restricted?

**Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I can assure the hon. member that the terms of reference have not been narrowed at all.

**An hon. Member:** Are they going to be?

**Mr. Ouellet:** The terms of reference are the same as they were before the reference in the Speech from the Throne.

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### CONSUMER AFFAIRS

#### REQUEST FOR TABLING OF FORBES REPORT AND REPORT OF FARM PRODUCTS MARKETING COUNCIL

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the setting up of a special committee tomorrow to examine into egg prices, arising out of the report of the Food Prices Review Board, is the minister now in a position to table the report by Professor Forbes, chairman of the Consumer Advisory Council, and also the report of the Farm Products Marketing Council which conducted an investigation into egg marketing in Canada, and dealt with by the Food Prices Review Board.

**Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, if I have the unanimous consent of the House I would be delighted to table the Forbes Report which was released today by the Consumer Advisory Council. As to the other report, my colleague the Minister of Agriculture will, I am sure, want to table it as soon as possible.

**Mr. McGrath:** Mr. Speaker, may I direct my question, then, to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the setting up of a committee tomorrow to examine into the activities of the Canadian Egg Marketing Agency, and in view of the relevant nature of the special report of the Farm Marketing Council to that investigation, will the minister now table that report or assure the House that he will table it tomorrow since he has had it in his possession since last April?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, the only reason it has been delayed, as I understand it, is that it was not printed and there were no copies. I understand it had not been printed because an okay had not been received and the printing did not go ahead during the summer months. The printing has now

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been ordered, and if the report is available tomorrow it will be tabled tomorrow. If it is not available I cannot table it. As soon as the printing is finalized, the hon. member can be sure that I will want to table it as soon as possible.

**Mr. McGrath:** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order I should like to ask whether the minister has the unanimous consent of the House in respect of the tabling of this report.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member has suggested that with the unanimous consent of the House we might now table the report the minister has in his hand. Is that agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

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### HOUSING

#### REQUEST FOR FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF EXPERIMENTAL SOLAR HOUSES

**Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Kootenay):** Mr. Speaker, will the Minister of State for Urban Affairs give a high priority to any request by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for research funds which might follow the request of Professor Robert Swartman that the CMHC direct research money to the building of 20 experimental solar houses in various parts of Canada?

**Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, this application has been made under a demonstration project for 1976 and it will be the advisory committee of highly qualified professionals who will make that judgment.

#### REASON FOR CLOSING OF POLYSAR PLANT IN MALTON, ONTARIO, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PREFABRICATED HOUSES

**Mr. Bill Kempling (Halton-Wentworth):** Mr. Speaker, will the Minister of State for Urban Affairs confirm or deny reports that the Canada Development Corporation is planning to close down its Polysar housing construction plant in Malton, Ontario, due to the fact that a shortage of serviceable land and the tight mortgage market has forced it to reduce production below the break even point?

**Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I received a letter from the president of Polysar to the effect that it was closing down its operations at the prefabricated housing plant. Part of the reason given was a shortage of serviced land, but I think there are other problems inherent in the process.

**Mr. Kempling:** Mr. Speaker, would the minister explain why the Canada Development Corporation did not take prior measures to ensure the availability of adequate serviced land for the modular townhouses produced by Polysar before it arranged for the production of four houses per day and planned to increase that production to six houses per day?

**Mr. Danson:** Mr. Speaker, the Canada Development Corporation does not report to me. In addition, it operates