

Motions

the international markets. However, the tax in question is indeed a very marginal factor in the whole problem. The problem is much wider than the hon. member has indicated.

• (1500)

REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT ACT TO REVITALIZE INDUSTRY

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Madam Speaker, since the minister believes that the tax treatment under the National Energy Program does not have a major impact, what is he prepared to do to revitalize the petrochemical industry in order to fulfil the commitment he made in October, 1980, under the National Energy Program, when he said that he would be concentrating on the future growth of the petrochemical industry in western Canada, principally in Alberta? He said he hoped this would begin a new era of western diversity. Surely it is because of the National Energy Program that in large part the petrochemical industry is in danger. What is the minister proposing to do to revitalize that very important sector and thereby create jobs for Canadians?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Madam Speaker, I am afraid that once again my hon. friend has not understood my first answer. There is no National Energy Program in the United States, Japan or Europe, and their petrochemical industry is going through extreme difficulties at the present time, in fact difficulties that are more severe than those being encountered at the present time by the Canadian industry. As I indicated, there is a task force set up under the Department of Regional Industrial Expansion which, at the present time, is examining the whole situation of the petrochemical industry.

Our interest is to have a very bright, vibrant and dynamic petrochemical industry in this country. However, as long as the world is going through the recession that we are going through, there is no point in trying to sell products to people who do not buy. The demand for petrochemicals is down all over the world. What we have to fight for and support are the types of measures that the government has announced to get the Canadian economy on the road to recovery. We hope other economies of the world will follow the same steps.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

HOUSE OF COMMONS

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, I propose, seconded by the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Pinard):

That Rod Blaker, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Lachine, be Deputy Chairman of Committees of the Whole House.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Motion agreed to.

[Translation]

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, I move, still seconded by the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Pinard):

That Eymard Corbin, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Madawaska-Victoria, be appointed Assistant Deputy Chairman of Committees of the Whole.

Motion agreed to.

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[English]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 4,041, 4,193, 4,201, 4,255, 4,344, 4,349 and 4,364.

[Text]

ACTION BY GOVERNMENT ON REGULATORY REPORTS

Question No. 4,041—**Mr. Beatty:**

1. What action (a) was taken (b) is currently planned by the government on each recommendation of the (i) second report of the second session of the 30th Parliament from the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and Other Statutory Instruments (ii) fourth report of the first session of the 32nd Parliament from the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and Other Statutory Instruments (iii) report of the task force on Regulatory Reform (iv) reports of the regulation reference of the Economic Council of Canada?

2. For each recommendation on which action was not taken and is not currently contemplated, what is the reason for the government's inaction?

Mr. Norman Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Treasury Board): The following indicates where action is either being taken or is planned by the government with respect to the recommendations of the following reports:

(i) Second report of the second session of the Thirtieth Parliament from the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and other Statutory Instruments;

(ii) Fourth report of the first session of the Thirty-second Parliament from the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and other Statutory Instruments;

(iii) Report of the Special Committee on Regulatory Reform;

(iv) Interim report of the Economic Council of Canada, Responsible Regulation November, 1979; and

(v) Final report of the Economic Council of Canada, Reforming Regulation 1981.