

agreement reached in the last few days must now go before the federal-provincial conference, may I ask what proposals the Prime Minister intends to place before the provincial premiers in order to make any agreement that was reached effective for the entire Canadian economy?

**Mr. Woolliams:** He does not know the answer.

**Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** A further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Since the Prime Minister does not seem to have any information today, may I go back to the well that was proven dry awhile ago, the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Can he say if the moratorium on increases in copper prices, freight rates and the prices of other commodities which was to be effective until March 1 will expire on that date or continue for the balance of 1970 in compliance with the agreement reached yesterday?

**Mr. Basford:** The agreements made between the government and these particular companies to roll back prices, as announced by the Minister of Finance, run out on March 1. Their status after that date will, I think, depend on the reaction of the governments next week to the proposals which were agreed upon last night.

[Translation]

**Mr. Bernard Dumont (Frontenac):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the Prime Minister.

Since industrialists, businessmen and bankers who took part in the price stabilization conference seem to take this matter seriously, being satisfied to lunch on a sandwich or a bowl of soup, is not the government considering as an austerity measure to launch such a practice for ministers, hon. members and officials in parliamentary restaurants?

[English]

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Justice. Has the minister been requested by any of his colleagues to consider the form of any legislation which might be required to give effect to any consensus which may have been arrived at, or any arrangements which may be reached with the provincial governments? Has he asked the law officers of his department to consider the drafting of such legislation?

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** I do not think I can answer the question in those terms. We are, of course, concerned to see that anything the federal government does to ensure the economic stability of this country is done in a constitutional way.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Am I to take it that no consideration has been given so far to bringing in legislation?

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** Well—

**Mr. Trudeau:** Are you sure this went so well?

**Mr. David Lewis (York South):** May I direct a supplementary question either to the petulant Prime Minister or to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and ask either one of them whether the contents of the agreement reached at the close of the conference yesterday were discussed with the government or with the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, or whether the contents of the agreement were entirely in the hands of Dr. Young and his associates on the commission?

**Mr. Basford:** I told the House some time ago that there had been close discussion between members of the commission and officials of the various departments of government. I told the House on Monday, I believe, that officials of my department and other departments were present as observers at the conference.

**Mr. Lewis:** I did not ask whether they were present as observers. Would the minister inform us whether the officials of his department or of any other department participated in the conference which led to the particular conclusions reached, and whether they advised Dr. Young and his associates, or whether the commission acted entirely on its own, away from those officials?

**Mr. Basford:** The departmental officials were there; they were observing and they were aware of the documents put before the commission and the positions taken.

[Translation]

**Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

After increases in prices and interest rates, here we have 250 businessmen, bankers, etc. who reach an agreement. Can the minister say whether the agreements made during the