

Inquiries of the Ministry

Canada of a program comparable to the DISC program applying to companies exporting from Canada to all other countries? Has the minister sought to ascertain whether this would be regarded as a matter to which the United States would raise objection.

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, my philosophy on that is very simple. We consider the DISC legislation to be against the principles and regulations of the GATT arrangements. The Minister of Finance on a number of occasions has said that Canada would have to take counter measures. What exactly these counter measures would be will be made known in due course. Whether it would be aiming at DISC specifically or whether we would react to the totality of the economic situation between Canada and the United States caused by President Nixon's measures is something which will be made known in due course.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Kent-Essex.

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INDUSTRY**STOL AIRCRAFT—INQUIRY AS TO GOVERNMENT INTENTION TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent-Essex): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Because of the impact on the employment situation which the development and production of the STOL aircraft may have, has the government made its intention known to the DeHavilland Company concerning whether or not it will extend its support beyond the spring cut-off point.

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Support to STOL has been extended. Everybody interested in the Affairs of this Company is well aware the government has in the past, is now, and intends to continue to support the STOL program. It is then a matter of degree.

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AGRICULTURE**PROGRAM TO ASSIST SMALL FARMERS—BASIS OF ALLOCATION OF FUNDS**

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture of which I have given him notice. With regard to the plan the minister announced some days ago concerning assistance to small farms, could the minister say how the amount of money available from the federal treasury will be divided between the provinces or apportioned to provinces and specifically whether the funds available will be enough to replace entirely a related program which is now being carried on under the auspices of the government of Prince Edward Island.

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I do not believe any attempt will be made to allocate

[Mr. Stanfield.]

money by provinces or by any other geographical areas, because we want the benefits of this program to be essentially applicable on a uniform basis to all people in the same economic position in all parts of Canada. Specifically, with regard to the FRED program in Prince Edward Island, I do not believe we intend to withdraw that program or the facilities that are available there. So, the question of replacing the money does not arise.

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OIL**MACKENZIE VALLEY PIPELINE—INQUIRY AS TO AVAILABILITY OF FEASIBILITY REPORT**

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Could the minister tell us when he expects to have the final report on the feasibility of a pipeline down the Mackenzie Valley available to the public particularly since the United States Congress is receiving a similar report on the TAPS pipeline.

• (5:00 p.m.)

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, no definite report is to be prepared. We have made some studies in several fields. We are willing to receive the applications from any group interested in the construction of a pipeline and we shall make a decision according to their proposals.

[English]

Mr. Thompson: Are we to take from the minister's answer that there will be no formal report or public statement on the feasibility of that pipeline?

Mr. Stanfield: There is no report and no study.

[Translation]

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, no doubt the government will make some statements when it has reached a decision.

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[English]

AGRICULTURE**DAIRY SUBSIDY PROGRAM—METHOD AND TIME OF PAYMENT**

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): My question is for the Minister of Agriculture. I should like to ask him, with regard to the statement he made yesterday concerning the subsidy which will be available to small producers of butterfat, whether payments will be made automatically to those producers or will an application have to be made by them?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): I cannot answer that question precisely because, of course, we do have the records of those small producers who have continued to ship, and the processors or the dairies have continued to send the records of their deliveries. However,