

to speculate about what could happen in the next week or the next month.

Mr. Ritchie: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister assure the House that the treasury can handle the large sums of money for redemptions that could occur if the Canada Savings Bonds were presented, bearing in mind that some investment houses are advising clients to avoid Canadian bonds?

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, Canada Savings Bonds were easy to market in the past, and they are easy to market at this time.

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PENITENTIARIES

PLANS FOR NEW FEDERAL PENITENTIARY AT SELKIRK, MAN.

Mr. Peter P. Masniuk (Portage): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Solicitor General. The prairie regional director for the Canadian Penitentiary Service, Mr. Jim Phelps, stated recently that the government is considering three options for the proposed new federal prison at Selkirk, Manitoba: first, no penitentiary at all; second, an even bigger prison; third, a medium-sized prison, but not for some years yet.

In view of these stated contradictory options, which have only served to create more confusion and uncertainty for the people of Selkirk and for the employees of the present institution at Stony Mountain, I would like to ask the Solicitor General if he could give a clear statement of the government's plans for the proposed new federal penitentiary at Selkirk, Manitoba.

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member describes the options as being contradictory, but they are options and they are being considered. An announcement relative to the Selkirk penitentiary and the option we may select of the three the hon. member has advanced will be made in due course—I hope soon—in order to remove the uncertainty the hon. member has described.

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CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

ALLEGED DISHONEST LABELLING OF FORD CARS BUILT AT OAKVILLE, ONT.

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. The minister knows that Ford of Canada recently received a \$68 million hand-out from the government of Ontario and the federal government. Considering that its profits are more than twice as high in Canada than they are in the United States, I ask the minister if he is aware that at the Oakville plant in Ontario, Ford is producing vehicles dishonestly labelled as coming from Buffalo, New York, and that for the identical vehicle coming off the assembly line at Oakville,

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Canadians are being charged some \$388 more per vehicle than the same car going to the United States?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): No, Mr. Speaker, I was not aware of that problem, but since I have responsibility for labelling, I will check into this matter and make sure that they follow the rules.

Mr. Broadbent: Mr. Speaker, considering that the issue at stake is not simply dishonesty in suggesting where the car is being produced but also concerns equity for Canadian consumers, and considering that if you add the difference in price that comes from additional extras, the additional mark-ups that come from a whole variety of other items that are not included in this basic price difference, will the minister take steps to commit the government to a policy that will mean Canadians do not pay one cent more for cars produced in Canada than do Americans?

Mr. Allmand: Mr. Speaker, I will certainly check the allegations of the hon. member to see if what he says is correct; and having done that, I will follow it up.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

FISHERIES

NOVEMBER PROCLAIMED "CANADIAN FISH AND SEAFOOD MONTH"

Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of Fisheries and the Environment): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 41(2), I wish to table, in both official languages, a proclamation declaring November as "Canadian Fish and Seafood Month."

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[Translation]

QUESTION ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following question will be answered today: 139.

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MULTICULTURALISM—MINISTER'S TRAVELS

Question No. 139—**Mr. Mitges:**

1. In his capacity as Minister responsible for Multiculturalism, how many trips did the honourable Member for Hamilton East make outside his Constitu-