

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): I sent a letter to the hon. member. I do not know whether he has received it. I hope he will receive it soon, since I sent it a few days ago.

[Translation]

In that respect, Mr. Speaker, the only exchanges with my department concern information on what we might do. There was also a meeting with my executive assistant, but nothing more exhaustive than what I have just said.

[English]

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

AUTOMOBILE PRICE INCREASES— INQUIRY AS TO INVESTIGATION

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, toward the end of last session the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs indicated that if the automotive industry increased prices substantially in respect of 1970 models he would undertake to have his department investigate such price increases. I should like to know whether or not such an investigation has taken place and, if not, why not?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I can only refer the hon. member to statements made in the last few days and I would refer the hon. member to those.

Mr. Broadbent: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I would request that the statements—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

[Translation]

BILINGUALISM AND BICULTURALISM

LABELLING OF PRODUCTS

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, which I would like to substantiate by referring to a meeting held in Quebec City last February 20th, when a federal official agreed in principle that labels on Canadian products should be bilingual.

Did the minister reach a decision in that respect and, if so, could he explain?

Mr. Speaker: I do not think this question is urgent, but if the hon. member disagrees, it might be discussed at the time of adjournment.

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Dissolution of 1967 Expo Corporation

[English]

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

REQUEST THAT COMMITTEE MEET TO HEAR AUDITOR GENERAL

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the President of the Privy Council, as government house leader, if he will arrange shortly for the organization meeting of the Public Accounts Committee so that the Auditor General may appear and make his case for adequate staff to deal with the countless cases of government waste and extravagance on which he has reported.

• (3:20 p.m.)

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

CANADIAN WORLD EXHIBITION CORPORATION

MEASURE WINDING UP EXPO

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce) moved that Bill C-6, to wind up the Canadian Corporation for the 1967 World Exhibition and to authorize the writing-off of certain costs and the deferral of certain payments connected therewith, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether I might raise a question concerning what we do under this new régime whereby all the members do not have files of bills at their desks. I confess I have mine, as have a few others, but if we are not to have files of bills at our desks, I wonder whether a copy of a bill that is to be discussed on any particular day should not be placed on members' desks.

Mr. Speaker: The point is well taken. It was my understanding that copies of the bill would have been distributed, particularly today since the business had been announced previously.

I notice that copies of the bill are now being circulated. The minister might wish to proceed now with his presentation.

[Translation]

Mr. Pepin: The purpose of Bill C-6 is to dissolve the Canadian Corporation for the 1967 World Exhibition.