

HEALTH

FOOD—INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF NUTRITIONAL LABELLING AND CONTENT PROVISIONS THIS SESSION

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the fact that the United States Food and Drug Administration has now issued nutritional quality guidelines to supplement its nutritional labelling rules already in effect, does the Canadian government plan to introduce nutritional labelling and content provisions this session to protect Canadian consumers?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I should like to take this question as notice so that I may look at the recent United States decision in this respect and answer later.

* * *

FINANCE

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY CRISIS—POSSIBLE NEUTRALIZING OF EURODOLLAR HOLDINGS OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS

Mr. James Gillies (Don Valley): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that in light of the deepening international monetary situation the suggestion has been put forward that perhaps one way to arrive at a solution is to neutralize the holdings of Eurodollars by multinational corporations, I am wondering whether, when the President of the Treasury Board represented Canada an expression was made about this opinion at the meetings in Paris?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I have no report on any statement that might have been made by the minister in Paris. He will report to me when he comes back.

Mr. Gillies: Has the government discussed the possibilities, the impact and the effect of neutralizing Eurodollar holdings of Canadian corporations and the impact that would have on the international monetary situation?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I did not discuss that matter with the minister, but I cannot speak on behalf of the Minister of Finance who is being represented by the President of the Treasury Board.

STUDY OF EFFECT OF REVALUED CURRENCIES ON CANADA IN ORDER TO TAKE STEPS TO CONTROL INFLATION

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the increased cost to Canadians of some 25 per cent to 30 per cent on goods imported from Germany and Japan as a result of the revalued mark and yen, will the Prime Minister indicate whether he plans to authorize a study by any department of the government in order to determine the over-all effect of the revalued currencies on

Oral Questions

Canada so that steps can be taken to control our run-away inflation?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the effect of the moving of currencies up and down in various countries with which we trade is, of course, under constant study by the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce and by the Department of Finance. Its effect on inflation is one that we are also aware of. I know of no particular study that has been done as a result of the recent movement of the yen and mark, but I repeat that the question obviously is very much at the core in the international section of the Department of Finance.

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY CRISIS—AGREEMENT BY COUNTRIES TO TAKE MEASURES TO FIGHT INFLATION—GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. Sinclair Stevens (York Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, my question is also for the Prime Minister. I should like to be more specific than the last questioner. Now that Canada has joined in a 14-nation monetary agreement in Paris where all countries have agreed to take measures to strengthen the fight against inflation, would the Prime Minister inform the House what further measures his government intends to take in Canada to fight inflation?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, any announcements that will be made in this respect will be made first in the House of Commons.

Mr. Stevens: Mr. Speaker, my further question is also for the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that the United States and certain other countries agreed at the same Paris conference to take fiscal measures, including allowing higher domestic interest rates, to help relieve the world monetary crisis, would the Prime Minister inform the House what added fiscal measures the government plans to take and whether domestic interest rates will be allowed to rise?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I would think the hon. member would expect this kind of information to be given to the House by way of a statement on motions. I doubt that it should be done by way of a reply to a question.

* * *

[Translation]

BILINGUALISM

PILOT PROJECT TO TEACH FRENCH IN NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA—TEACHING OF ENGLISH TO FRANCOPHONES

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa East): Mr. Speaker, I welcome the announcement made by the Secretary of State concerning the encouragement extended to the teaching of the second language in the schools of the national capital area and I would like to ask him a few questions on this subject.

Could he tell the House whether the \$2 million grant for the teaching of the second language will be used also for the teaching of English in French-speaking schools?