

*Oral Questions*

American government to work in this direction? If there has been none so far, what action is planned immediately by that government?

**Hon. John Roberts (Minister of State for Science and Technology and Minister of the Environment):** Madam Speaker, as the hon. member may know, I have, on several occasions, visited Washington to discuss with officials of the American administration our common problem which is caused by the acid rain generated in our two countries. So far, the response that we have received from the administration is encouraging. I can tell the hon. member that we expect to begin the formal process of negotiation of the international accord governing air quality standards probably in the third week in June.

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**RESTRICTIVE TRADE PRACTICES**

## PUBLICATION OF REPORT ON MARKETING OF URANIUM

**Hon. Bill Jarvis (Perth):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the Right Hon. Prime Minister. It seeks some clarification of earlier answers with respect to the report of the uranium inquiry. As I understand it, the report is completed and has been referred to the Attorney General. Pursuant to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, undertaking in the House on March 4 when he indicated that, when completed, the findings would be made public, is the Prime Minister in a position to tell the House when he expects that report to be made public?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** No, Madam Speaker.

## ASSURANCE SOUGHT RESPECTING UNEXPURGATED REPORT

**Hon. Bill Jarvis (Perth):** Madam Speaker, second and more important, the Prime Minister will be aware that from time to time reports received by government, usually those dealing with security and intelligence, have had certain sections expurgated before they are made public. Is the Prime Minister prepared to undertake to the House that the report resulting from the uranium inquiry is not of that character and that the report, once made public, will be a complete report with no expurgated sections?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Madam Speaker, I have not seen the report myself. I do not know its contents and, therefore, I cannot answer a hypothetical question.

I would point out to the hon. member that when reports are expurgated the reason is indicated, and generally it is done in agreement with the authors of the report or, at least, with their approval, because they recognize, too, that they may have some matters in a report which could be confidential or

desirable to keep in camera. I cannot answer in this particular case because I do not know.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** What about the accused?

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**FINANCE**

## EXTENSION OF SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BOND PROGRAM

**Hon. Walter Baker (Nepean-Carleton):** Madam Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. During the minister's absence last week questions were directed to the government House leader with regard to the possibility, and the government's intention, of extending the small business development bond to cover unincorporated businesses for working capital inventory, and an extension beyond the year which would benefit many people, including farmers and fishermen, those who are unincorporated. There was an undertaking that there would be discussions upon the minister's return. Have those discussions been held and, if so, what is the position of the government with regard to that extension?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance):** Madam Speaker, I am currently having discussions with the minister of state on that matter.

**Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton):** Is the minister aware of the petitioning and the urgings that have been made to him by the Federation of Independent Business, agricultural interests, and others with regard to this matter? Will he give an undertaking to the House that he will expedite his consideration with the minister of state so that a statement or announcement can be made by the government with respect to this most important matter?

**Mr. MacEachen:** Madam Speaker, I obviously will expedite consideration of the matter. If there is any new announcement to be made, I will advise the House immediately.

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**PRIVILEGE**MR. NOWLAN—SECURITY MEASURES ON PARLIAMENT HILL—  
RULING BY MADAM SPEAKER

**Madam Speaker:** The other day the hon. member for Annapolis Valley-Hants (Mr. Nowlan) raised a question of privilege concerning a matter involving access by members to this building. In raising the question of privilege, he did not allege that he had personally been impeded or obstructed when entering the building. Therefore, on those grounds I do not find a prima facie case of privilege.

The hon. member did raise an important point as a result of which I have asked the Sergeant-at-Arms to hold discussions with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who have jurisdic-