

indicating the subjects he intends to discuss. That is the first part of my question.

The second part relates to the matter of energy. Is it the intention of the Prime Minister to discuss this, particularly in view of the fact that our proven reserves in the last ten years have moved from 23 trillion to 60 trillion cubic feet, and there is a need for energy in the United States as well as a need for trade.

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I can only repeat that I cannot say what the agenda will be or what it will include, mainly for the reason that it has not yet been arrived at. I am only able to repeat what I said to the Leader of the Opposition, that I had an indication from the White House that they wanted to have a general discussion on international and bilateral talks. It is possible that we will raise the question then.

FORTHCOMING MEETING OF PRIME MINISTER WITH U.S. PRESIDENT—POSSIBILITY OF AGREEMENT BY CANADA TO RAISE CEILING ON DUTY FREE PURCHASES BY TOURISTS

**Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina):** My supplementary question is for the Prime Minister. Has the government tentatively agreed to raise the \$24 ceiling on duty free purchases by Canadian tourists in the United States to make it more in accord with the allowances that the Americans give to Canadians, and will this agreement be formalized during the Prime Minister's visit to Washington?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** No, Mr. Speaker, we have not so agreed. But if we had, I imagine it would be very unwise of me to tell the House that we had if we wanted to use this as a bargaining point with the United States. It seems unwise for the opposition to ask the government to put all its cards on the table and thus throw away all its bargaining points.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Leader of the Opposition has a supplementary question. But first, I take the liberty of bringing to the attention of hon. members that there are quite a few supplementary questions which are being sought, and we may have to limit them in a short while. For the moment, the Chair has recognized the Leader of the Opposition.

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#### TRADE

ALLEGED AGREEMENT BY CANADA TO REMOVE AUTO PACT SAFEGUARDS AND INCREASE TOURIST ALLOWANCES—REFERENCE TO STATEMENT BY MINISTER

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** I wish to ask the right hon. Prime Minister whether the Secretary of State for External Affairs was stating government policy when, as reported in the *Toronto Star* of today, he said that Canada agreed to drop the safeguards in the auto pact for two years and tourist allowances would be enlarged.

• (3:50 p.m.)

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the Secretary of State for External Affairs informs me

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that he never said such a thing. He was not correctly quoted by the *Toronto Star*. He said that these subjects were discussed but that is as far as he went, and that we were studying them but that no decision had been made; certainly, none was announced by him.

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#### THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

FOREIGN INVESTMENT—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT POLICY IN ADVANCE OF RELEASE OF GRAY REPORT

**Mr. Max Saltzman (Waterloo):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister. In view of the acknowledged difficulties that he has pointed out regarding the publishing and the printing of the Gray study, would he state government policy in advance of the publication of this study to end the uncertainty?

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

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[Translation]

#### AIR TRANSPORT

USE OF FRENCH LANGUAGE IN QUEBEC AIR CONTROL TOWERS—FEAR FOR SAFETY OF OPERATION

**Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the hon. Minister of Transport.

In view of the fact that about a month ago in the House the Minister of Transport was informed that the president of the Air Traffic Controllers Association, Mr. Campbell, was really concerned about the use of French in certain Quebec control towers, would the minister be in a position to tell if Mr. Campbell's concern is well founded or if this is news of minor importance only.

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**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, on Friday last I had what was agreed by both parties, and was so stated publicly, a most useful and successful meeting with representatives of the Air Controllers Association. This subject was fully covered. I think I can make two reports to the House. The first is that the bilingual policy, as it has been announced in relation to air controllers, does not in any way compromise safety, and the second report is that it is not an abnegation of the government's policy as stated with regard to bilingualism.

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#### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

FORTHCOMING MEETING OF PRIME MINISTER WITH U.S. PRESIDENT—POSSIBILITY OF CONCESSIONS ON DEFENCE SHARING AND ARMS PURCHASES

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is supplementary to one asked previously by the Leader of the Opposition, and deals with