

Inquiries of the Ministry

[English]

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—EARLY PLANNING FOR NEXT SUMMER

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a supplementary to the Secretary of State. Has the Secretary of State put plans in motion this fall in respect of arrangements for student employment next summer so that the unfortunate incidents which occurred because of the haste of this year's program will not be repeated?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Yes, Mr. Speaker, steps are being taken.

[English]

ACTION ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): My supplementary is directed to the Secretary of State, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Hees: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. I just do not want to be out of it.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The Chair has recognized the hon. member for Yorkton-Melville on a supplementary.

Mr. Nystrom: Mr. Speaker, in view of the recent issuance of the report of the committee on youth, can the minister indicate to the House whether or not he is contemplating any legislation or action on some of the recommendations of that report?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): No, not right now, Mr. Speaker.

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[English]

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

ACTION TO AVERT LAY-OFFS AT CORNER BROOK PAPER MILL—PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIONS

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. What steps is his department taking to avert major lay-offs in the paper mill at Corner Brook, Newfoundland and, second, has the Newfoundland government made any representations to the minister to avert these lay-offs?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I am waiting for a report in which the company and the people concerned will give their suggestions in order to avoid the disaster or trouble my colleague has mentioned. As soon as I have the report, I shall see to what extent I can help the company.

[English]

MORATORIUM ON GRANTS TO NEW PULP AND PAPER MILLS

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): As a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, may I ask the minister if

[Mr. Pelletier.]

he will now consider placing a moratorium on any further grants to new pulp and paper mills in Canada until the market has a chance to stabilize?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, there will not be any absolute decision in that matter, because it might be useful in some cases. But we do not intend to give any grants to pulp and paper plants in Canada as long as the situation remains uncertain.

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[English]

YOUTH

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—CONTINUANCE OF FINANCIAL AID

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, my question is supplementary to the previous one asked of the Secretary of State. In view of the introduction this year by the government of the Opportunities for Youth program, is any consideration being given now by the government to a program of opportunities for older people, many of whom are forced into idleness although they have great ability and as a result are unable to make use of their abilities?

Mr. Mahoney: It was Barry Mather thought that up.

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, the answer is no. I must say there is no need for special authority, since senior citizens do not come under the Secretary of State.

[English]

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, may I ask a supplementary question of the Prime Minister, and ask him the same question—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Red Deer.

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): Haven't you got enough to do over there, George?

Mr. Hees: We have a lot to do keeping you on the job.

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AGRICULTURE

IMPACT OF UNITED STATES IMPORT SURTAX—ASSISTANCE TO INDUSTRY THROUGH SUBSIDY PROGRAM

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. It concerns the statement last night by the Minister of Agriculture that the U.S. surcharge is going to have a severe impact on the agricultural industry. In view of the great concern that exists throughout the industry, and particularly in view of the statistics that the minister gave about those parts of it that will be affected, does the minister