

*Oral Questions*

hon. members generally would be prepared to accept it, either.

**Mr. Broadbent:** Mr. Speaker, we are still getting misinformation. Having regard to the wording of article one of the pact to the effect that both countries are to share on a fair and equitable basis in future expansion of automotive production in Canada and the United States, can the minister assure the House that in the present negotiations he is pointing out to the Americans that we are currently producing at a lower level than we are actually consuming in terms of automotive production and that therefore the minimum requirement in terms of implementation now expected from the companies should be raised and not lowered or abandoned?

**Mr. Gillespie:** I have been informed on that latter point that we are in fact producing at a higher level than this particular provision of the act requires.

CANADA-UNITED STATES AUTO PACT—PRESENT  
NECESSITY OF SAFEGUARDS TO PROTECT PRODUCTION  
AND EMPLOYMENT

**Mr. Terry O'Connor (Halton):** If we are over-fulfilling the safeguard provisions of the act, is it the position of the minister and the government that the present safeguards are no longer necessary to protect production and employment in the Canadian automotive industry?

**Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** I think I made it quite clear that in my view the Canadian value-added provision is not an adequate safeguard for Canadian jobs today. It operates at far too low a level. The effort of the government will be to provide for the future expansion of jobs and to secure future job opportunities for Canadians in any changes there may be in the auto pact. Let me make it clear we have made no changes in the auto pact and we have taken no decision to change any provisions in the auto pact.

**Mr. O'Connor:** In that case, would the minister advise the House as to the types of new safeguards he is considering to further protect Canadian production and employment?

**Mr. Gillespie:** Those are the kind of provisions which would, I think, be subject to negotiation and I do not believe it would be in the interest of negotiating any changes successfully if we were to discuss them at this time.

CANADA-UNITED STATES AUTO PACT—CANADIAN  
POSITION ON UNITED STATES WISH TO REMOVE  
SAFEGUARDS

**Mr. David Lewis (York South):** Mr. Speaker, may I pose this question to the minister. In view of the fact he was a private member of the House before he was Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and must have heard discussions across the floor to the effect that negotiations were in progress and that the auto pact was one of the trade irritants, as they were called, and that United States negotiators were seeking to remove some of the safe-

[Mr. Gillespie.]

guards, may I ask the minister whether it is still the case that United States negotiators are seeking to remove the safeguards—whatever he may think of them they seem to think they are important—and, if so, what is his position?

**Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** There have been no recent negotiations with the United States respecting these provisions so I cannot add to the record in that regard.

**Mr. Specker:** Order, please. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for York South on a supplementary and then recognize a questioner from the party across the aisle.

**Mr. Lewis:** In view of the fact that until recently United States officials made it clear that they intend to continue to press for the removal of the safeguards from the auto pact, can the minister now assure the House that the government will continue to maintain the position that while the safeguards might be improved they will in no circumstances be abandoned?

**Mr. Gillespie:** I am certainly interested in seeing them improved, and that will be the position of the government. If there is any change with respect to these provisions, it will be to improve them so as to make them more workable.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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[Translation]

CRIMINAL CODE

ABORTION—PUBLICIZING OF CLINICS IN NEWSPAPERS

**Mr. Oza Tétrault (Villeneuve):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Justice.

Is the minister aware of advertisements in the press inviting pregnant women to get a legal abortion in Montreal or at low cost in New York clinics? If so, has the minister made any inquiries to determine whether this is contrary to the provisions of the abortion legislation?

[English]

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice):** These particular advertisements have not been brought to my attention, but similar ones have and I am looking into them.

POSSIBILITY OF IMPROPER USE OF MAILS TO PROMOTE  
ABORTION

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** I have a supplementary for the Postmaster General. May I ask the hon. gentleman whether he has given consideration to the possibility of the mails having been improperly used to promote this illegal activity?

[Translation]

**Hon. André Ouellet (Postmaster General):** Mr. Speaker, I shall look into the situation.