Oral Questions

MULTICULTURALISM

CONSIDERATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN FOURTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON BROADCASTING, FILMS AND ASSISTANCE TO THE ARTS

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the minister responsible for multiculturalism. Can he tell the House whether he has had an opportunity to study the fourth report of the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts which was tabled on January 7, 1974, and whether he has implemented or intends to implement any of the recommendations of that report?

Hon. Stanley Haidasz (Minister of State): Mr. Speaker, this matter is still under active consideration by the ministers involved.

STUDY OF APPROPRIATE FORMULA FOR THIRD LANGUAGE BROADCASTING ON CBC TELEVISION

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question to the minister responsible for multiculturalism. Can the minister inform the House whether he intends to initiate a research study in conjunction with the CBC, the CRTC and his colleague, the Secretary of State, in order to determine an appropriate formula for third language broadcasting on CBC television? Has he taken any action whatsoever in this direction?

Hon. Stanley Haidasz (Minister of State): Mr. Speaker, this matter is under active consideration.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

PROPOSAL BY CANADIAN RADIO-TELEVISION COMMISSION THAT ADVERTISING BE PHASED OUT—POSITION OF GOVERNMENT ON FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Mr. Heward Grafftey (Brome-Missisquoi): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State. Since the President of the Treasury Board stated yesterday, after the announcement by the president of the CRTC relating to the phasing-out of advertising on CBC radio and television, that the CBC did not have a high priority in anticipated government spending, what is the official government position in relation to the CRTC proposal?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I should first of all like to correct the interpretation the hon. member has put on the words of the President of the Treasury Board. What I think he said was that the CBC has neither the highest nor the lowest priority. I think that is probably a fair statement of the effect of what he said. I am still reading the CRTC report.

Mr. Grafftey: Did officials of the CRTC consult the government or officials of the CBC about the financial implications of the CRTC proposal prior to it being made public?

Mr. Faulkner: They did not consult me, Mr. Speaker.

GRAIN

TERMS OF AGREEMENT WITH RAILWAYS IF ADDITIONAL HOPPER CARS PURCHASED BY GOVERNMENT

Mr. Doug Neil (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the minister in charge of the Wheat Board. In view of the recent statement on the weekend to the effect that the government intends to purchase an additional 4,000 grain hopper cars, will he advise whether these hopper cars will be covered by an agreement similar to the one the government now has with the CNR and CPR which in effect gives 2,000 hopper cars to the railways to use in return for keeping them in repair?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, the existing agreement covers only 2,000 hopper cars, and a new agreement will be required for the next set of cars.

Mr. Neil (Moose Jaw): Would the minister then admit that the effect of the agreement is to give a subsidy to the railway companies of some \$45 million?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Of course, that is argument and a question asked in those terms is not in order.

INDUSTRY

POSSIBLE TAKEOVER OF DE HAVILLAND AIRCRAFT COMPANY BY GOVERNMENT—ASSURANCE THAT STOL AIRCRAFT PARTS, INCLUDING ENGINE, WILL BE MANUFACTURED IN CANADA

Mr. Paddy Neale (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In light of the projected takeover of de Havilland Aircraft in Toronto by the department, for which an additional \$28.8 million appears in the estimates for 1974-75, will he assure the House that adequate safeguards have been secured to ensure that the various component parts for the STOL aircraft will continue to be manufactured in Canada and, in particular, the PT-6 engine produced solely in Canada by United Aircraft at Longueuil, Quebec?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member is referring to the option the government has which must be exercised by the end of June of this year. It was taken at the time we entered into a major funding arrangement for the STOL aircraft. For the information of the hon. member and the House, no decision has been taken by the government on whether that option will be exercised.

REPORTED INTENTION OF UNITED AIRCRAFT TO MOVE OPERATIONS TO UNITED STATES—ACTION TO PREVENT LOSS OF JOBS

Mr. Paddy Neale (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary is again directed to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In light of recent reports in the Montreal Gazette that United Aircraft is threatening to move its operations to the United States, what action is the minister prepared to take to prevent the loss of jobs to Canadians by the contracting out of the manufacture of