

Inquiries of the Ministry

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**TORONTO—POSSIBLE TENANCY IN NEW METRO CENTRE—GOVERNMENT ACTION**

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State. Has the minister now ascertained from the CBC if it intends to consolidate its activities in one place in metropolitan Toronto, and if it intends to rent the proposed transmission tower and other facilities in Metro Centre?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I know that the CBC has made representations to the government, and particularly to the Treasury Board, regarding developments of this type. I have no detail on this but as soon as final decisions will be taken I shall be pleased to inform the hon. member.

[English]

Mr. Ryan: Mr. Speaker, because of the magnitude of these decisions I take it that the approval or disapproval or qualified approval of the government would have to be sought. I would therefore ask the minister if he has signed such approval or qualified approval now, or if he intends to do so shortly?

[Translation]

Mr. Pelletier: Mr. Speaker, I have already replied to the hon. member that the matter was being considered by the government.

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[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**RUSSIAN NUCLEAR TEST—PROTEST BY CANADA**

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. I would like to ask him whether the Canadian government has sent or will send a protest to Russia over a nuclear test which registered over six points on the Richter scale, similar to protests that it sent to the United States regarding the Amchitka test? Further, in order to prevent my rising to ask a supplementary, may I ask him whether any protests have been received by the Canadian government concerning the Russian test?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the Canadian government has expressed its views very strongly to the Soviet government through ordinary ambassadorial channels, and when Mr. Kosygin was here we also expressed our views strongly. We have made formal protests to the United States about a particular test that was to take place on our doorstep. We also expressed our views for the first time to the Chinese government, after establishing relations with that government. We would have to consider whether it

[Mr. Howard (Okanagan Boundary).]

would be useful to protest again to the Soviet Union, since the Russians are familiar with our views.

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS**REDRAFTING OF BILL C-256—ATTITUDE OF GOVERNMENT TOWARDS OFFER OF CANADIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. It refers to Bill C-256. Has he received any suggestions from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce to the effect that they would like to help him redraft the bill and, if he has, will he assure the House that any redrafting will only be done by members of the public service and not by members of the Chamber of Commerce?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): The answer to both questions is yes, Mr. Speaker.

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[Translation]

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION**ESTABLISHMENT OF COMPANY—DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

A press release informs us that the Department of Regional Economic Expansion has awarded a \$1,165,000 grant to a company from Saint-Georges-de-Beauce in order that it may settle in Montmagny, and I wish to thank the minister for that. However, may I ask him when this company will be able to start operating in Montmagny?

Mr. Speaker: I believe such a question should normally be put on the order paper, but if the minister wants to give a short answer, I will recognize him for that purpose.

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): I believe they may start operations in a few months, Mr. Speaker.

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[English]

FINANCE**POSITION OF GOVERNMENT ON RELATIONSHIP OF CAPITAL GAINS TAX TO PROVINCIAL SUCCESSION DUTIES**

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. Would the minister advise the House whether the government is considering negotiations with the provinces to see whether there can be any arrangement made with respect to some mutual tax credit as a result of the capital gains tax and the extension by a number of the provinces into the succession duties field, or is Canada definitely to have an extra tax with the capital gains tax?