Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Speaker: I suggest to the hon. member that this is a question which might be placed on the Order Paper. Nevertheless, so many questions of the same nature have been asked and accepted today that it seems to me the minister might be allowed to reply if he wishes.

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister of National Revenue): I will take the question as notice. Mr. Speaker.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LEBANON-CANADIAN POSITION ON UN RES-OLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAELI INVASION

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): I wish to address a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the position taken by the United Nations on Israeli activity in Lebanon on May 12, may I ask whether Canada supports the decision of the Security Council in that regard?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): This is not a relevant question, Mr. Speaker; we are not a member of the Security Council. I said yesterday that I deplored all these acts on both sides and that I did not think it would contribute greatly to the achievement of a settlement if I picked out particular incidents for comment.

Mr. Yewchuk: Can I take it, then, the minister is indicating that Canada does not support the United Nations decision?

Mr. Sharp: No. Mr. Speaker.

INDUSTRY

U.S.-CANADA AUTOMOBILE PACT-MAINTE-NANCE OF PROTECTIVE SAFEGUARDS

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): I have a question for the Acting Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. In view of recent reports that the United States government is urging the Canadian government to abandon the protective safeguards in the Canada-United States auto pact and in view of the uncertain nature of the answer given to a question on this subject yesterday by the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, would the hon, gentleman assure the House that the Canadian government will insist on the protective safeguards which exist in the auto pact being maintained?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): As is the case in any negotiations it is Health and Welfare): The policy with respect

very difficult to say how they will turn out. All I want to do is to support what the minister has said, namely, that this is our purpose.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES-ADVICE TO DOCTORS -INSTRUCTIONS ON PACKAGES

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Bearing in mind his announcement regarding oral contraceptives and the report of the advisory committee, based almost wholly on the findings of research in Great Britain and indicating that a very small risk is involved if the dosage of the birth control drug is reduced to 50 milligrams of Mestranol, I should like to ask whether all doctors in Canada will be warned directly of these findings by the food and drug directorate and whether in future packages of oral contraceptives will carry the necessary cautions and warning signals of danger?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): With regard to the first part of the question the answer is yes, all doctors have been advised to take all necessary precautions. As to the second part, we have not yet decided whether warnings shall be placed on the packages and will not do so until we get a final report from the committee of experts set up to advise us on this matter. But we have insisted that the manufacturers enclose full instructions along with their supplies.

[Translation]

LEGISLATION RESPECTING CIGARETTE ADVERTISING

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the minister of National Health and Welfare.

On December 18, 1969, the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs made its report to the House and recommended that many steps be taken to control advertising regarding the sale and use of cigarettes in Canada. Would the minister be in a position to introduce soon in the House a bill in that connection, in accordance with the many recommendations made along that line?

[English]

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National