

Inquiries of the Ministry

for Peace River, that a bill with regard to changes in the divorce law of Canada had been printed. May I ask when the bill will be given first reading and whether, in view of the great and natural public interest in this matter, there is any chance it will be given second reading before the end of the year.

[Translation]

Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, there is surely a possibility that the bill will get second reading before the end of the year; I expect that the resolution to introduce this bill will be moved any day now.

[English]

HEALTH AND WELFAREREPRESENTATIONS RESPECTING CIGARETTE
ADVERTISING AND SMOKING EDUCATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. M. Howe (Wellington-Huron): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the increased knowledge available and increased interest in the subject of cigarette smoking, when will this matter be referred to the health and welfare committee as promised some time ago?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, as I pointed out yesterday the health and welfare committee is presently considering a very important matter assigned to it by the house. As soon as there is some indication that this consideration will be completed, we will consider the reference to that committee of the subject matter mentioned by the hon. member.

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION
OF REGULATIONS RESPECTING
VITAMIN SUPPLEMENTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the government house leader. Will the hon. gentleman consider referring the matter of the directions from the food and drug directorate regarding vitamin supplements to the committee on health and welfare?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will consider it, but I think I have prejudged the matter.

[Mr. Brewin.]

POLLUTIONTAX INCENTIVES TO PLANTS INSTALLING
CORRECTIVE DEVICES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and ask him whether in view of the serious, continuing problem of water pollution he can assure the house that the agreements with industry will be continued after the new year.

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, we are presently inquiring into that matter.

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Will the incentives to industry in regard to water pollution be put on a permanent basis rather than the ad hoc basis on which they are now?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I feel that the question is much too general to be asked at this time.

[Later:]

Mr. Starr: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Will the incentives to industry in regard to water pollution be put on a permanent basis?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I wonder whether this is not the same question the hon. member asked previously.

Mr. Starr: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I ask for your guidance as to how I can evoke an answer within the rules, because of the importance of this situation.

Mr. Pepin: Mr. Speaker, I may not have been very clear when I answered a previous question on this subject. What I meant to say was that I am working on it now. The idea just mentioned is one aspect we are studying.

FINANCELOANS BY BANKS UNDER FARM
IMPROVEMENT ACT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. H. A. Thomas (Middlesex West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. In view of the fact that farm