

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, it is not Canadian law and it is not Canadian policy.

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### INDUSTRY

#### DISCUSSION WITH MULTINATIONAL CANADIAN CORPORATIONS OF EFFECT OF U.S. WAGE AND PRICE FREEZE AND DISC PROGRAM

**Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question which I should like to direct to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of the fact that the minister's department has in the past, as it did under his predecessor, prepared certain corporate citizenship guidelines for multinational corporations operating in Canada, does the minister intend to meet representatives of these multinational corporations in Canada, particularly United States-owned corporations, to discuss with them not only the wage and price freeze in the United States but also the implications of the DISC program that President Nixon presented to the U.S. Congress yesterday and how this will affect the Canadian Economy?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, the guidelines that were established previously are still applicable. My officials and I have been meeting over the last weeks with as many Canadian representatives of international corporations as possible. With respect to the case raised this morning we are having an inquiry made.

**Mr. Nowlan:** Mr. Speaker, I have a further supplementary question for the Acting Prime Minister.

**Mr. Lewis:** Mr. Speaker, may I raise a point of order, if the hon. member would forgive me.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I apologize to the hon. member for Annapolis Valley. Is the hon. member rising on a point of order?

**Mr. Lewis:** A very mild one, Mr. Speaker. The minister's mike apparently was not working. I know he heard the question but I did not hear what his reply was. Would he be good enough to repeat it?

**Mr. Pepin:** Mr. Speaker, I was only repeating what the Acting Prime Minister said. I said that the case raised had been raised with me earlier this morning, or rather last night, and I am having the matter investigated this morning to see how true it is. I think it is of the utmost simplicity that we should find out what the case is before offering comments.

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### TRADE

#### UNITED STATES INCENTIVE PROGRAMS FOR EXPORTERS—REPRESENTATIONS TO GROUP OF TEN RESPECTING CONFLICT WITH GATT

**Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Finance, my question is for the Acting Prime Minister. It relates to government policy

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and this is why I am directing it to him. In view of the proposals advanced by President Nixon in the United States Congress yesterday, particularly DISC and other incentive programs and the tax credits for U.S. exporters, is it the intention of the government to have the Minister of Finance, when he meets the representatives of the Group of Ten, to communicate to the group that these proposals run counter to the GATT proposals, and is a formal protest going to be made to the Group of Ten?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, when these proposals were originally put forward, not in this session but in the previous session of Congress, the Canadian government made known to the United States its opposition to these proposals at that time. That continues to be our policy. We are very strongly opposed to these measures whether or not they contravene GATT.

• (11:20 a.m.)

**Mr. Nowlan:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a supplementary for the purpose of clarification. Were any of the proposals of DISC laid before the previous Congress whereby the Canadian government had an opportunity to voice any opposition or position on the corporation, DISC?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman is apparently just beginning to take an interest in this matter. The DISC proposal was before the previous Congress but did not pass.

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### THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

#### EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT BILL—VIEWS OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

**Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting Prime Minister. Since the introduction on Tuesday of Bill C-262 in the House, has the government of Canada received the views of the United States government on this legislation?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday in the House of Commons one of the ministers or the Prime Minister said that the Canadian government had not discussed this legislation with the United States government in advance of its introduction into the House. I have no doubt whatever that the United States administration and others are looking very carefully at it today.

**Mr. Broadbent:** Mr. Speaker, it would appear that the Acting Prime Minister did not quite hear the question. Since the introduction of the legislation has the government of Canada received the views of the United States government and, more specifically, has it objected on the basis that it may contravene their own anti-dumping legislation?

**Mr. Sharp:** We do know that the United States government has been looking at the legislation but we have not had formal representations from them.