

That the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs be authorized to inquire into the activities of the non-medical use of drugs directorate with particular reference to the reasons for the resignation of the director-general of that directorate, Dr. W. F. Craig.

**Mr. Speaker:** This motion also requires the unanimous consent of the House as it has been submitted under the terms of Standing Order 43. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is not unanimity. The motion cannot be put.

**Mr. Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, may I rise on a question of privilege. I submit that the Minister of National Health and Welfare should not have been obliged to say no to that particular motion as he did.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

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[Translation]

#### FOREIGN TAKEOVERS REVIEW ACT

MEASURE TO CONTROL FOREIGN TAKEOVERS OF  
CANADIAN COMPANIES

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-201, to provide for the review and assessment of acquisitions of control of Canadian business enterprises by certain persons.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

• (1440)  
[English]

#### ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

##### INDUSTRY

ACTION TO ESTABLISH PROPORTION OF SENIOR  
POSITIONS IN COMPANIES OPERATING IN CANADA TO BE  
FILLED BY CANADIANS

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce regarding the participation of Canadians in companies operating in Canada. Does he intend, either directly or in co-operation with the provinces, to establish guidelines relating to the proportion of senior positions in companies operating in Canada which should be filled by Canadian citizens?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, only time will tell how the screening process will be operated, but there are many factors to be considered in making decisions, indicated in the legislation. As my hon. friend probably knows, there is

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an item called participation, and the question he raises would obviously come under that heading.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Mr. Speaker, the minister's answer relates only to negotiations in respect of takeovers. I am asking him whether he intends, either directly or in conjunction with the provinces, to establish a guideline regarding the proportion of senior management positions in companies operating in Canada which should be filled by Canadian citizens?

**Mr. Pepin:** Mr. Speaker, the statement made the other day by the Minister of National Revenue contained a paragraph indicating that other ideas were being explored in this regard.

**An hon. Member:** Oh, let's have an answer.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Mr. Speaker, I take it the answer is that the minister has no such intention. I should like to ask either the same minister or the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs whether it is the intention of the government, either directly or in association with the provinces, to establish any legislative requirements relating to the proportion of directors of companies operating in Canada who must be Canadian citizens?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, we have not examined that in my department other than addressing ourselves to responsibilities and powers of corporation directors, as was indicated in the draft competition Bill C-256 which the hon. member knows does not deal with the nationality of directors.

ROLE OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK—ACTION TO  
IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF FOREIGN  
OWNERSHIP TASK FORCE

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance who may be in a more constructive mood. In view of the recommendation in the report of the task force on foreign ownership in Canada that the government review the role of the Industrial Development Bank regarding the venture capital situation for small companies, has the minister reviewed this legislation and does he intend to introduce an amendment with a view to carrying out the recommendations of the task force in this regard?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, we are reviewing these recommendations very carefully. I am not in a position yet to tell the hon. member whether the implementation of them, if we were to decide on that, would require amendment of the legislation.

MEASURES TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND  
DEVELOPMENT

**Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In light of the finding by Statistics Canada that the level of industrial research and development in 1972 will show little real growth since 1969, are new measures being prepared to accelerate and assist industrial