

*Order Paper Questions*

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*To the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs:*

Veterans Affairs Votes 1b, 5b and 20b

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**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

## TWO-DAY ADJOURNMENT

**Mr. Pinard:** Madam Speaker, I would like to move the following motion:

That, when the House adjourns on Friday, November 7, 1980, it shall stand adjourned until Wednesday, November 12, 1980; and

On Thursday, November 13, 1980 and Tuesday, November 18, 1980, the House shall sit from 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. for the consideration of Bill C-6.

That is the Bank Act.

[*Translation*]

**Madam Speaker:** The House has heard the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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**QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER**

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. D. M. Collette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 725, 1,045, 1,321, 1,562 and 1,569.

I ask, Madam Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[*Text*]

## GASOHOL

**Question No. 725—Mr. Greenaway:**

1. Did the government or any of its departments or agencies undertake cost analysis studies to determine the viability of "gasohol" as a substitute for gasoline in the (a) short (b) long term and, if so, what were the results?

2. Did the government or any of its departments or agencies investigate and/or consider (a) exemption of excise tax on gasohol (b) financial assistance of any kind to encourage research and/or development of gasohol (c) benefits which may accrue to the agriculture industry and/or other industries arising from the manufacture of gasohol (d) benefits to the Canadian consumer arising from the development of gasohol and, if so, what (i) was the nature of such investigations or considerations (ii) were the results and/or decisions taken (iii) were the names of any companies and/or agencies which have been involved?

3. If the government or any of its departments or agencies did not undertake such studies or investigations, what is the reason?

**Mr. D. M. Collette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Departments of Agriculture, Energy, Mines and Resources and Finance as follows: 1. The government has undertaken several studies during the last three years regarding the economic viability of gasohol in Canada. The findings of these investigations suggest that we can make very limited quantities of alcohol suitable for gasohol blends at costs approximately those of equivalent imported oil. The sources of such alcohol would be the waste streams of certain plants and substandard crops. Larger quantities of fermentation alcohol can be made from grains at substantially higher costs.

2. (a) The Minister of Finance in his April 21, 1980, economic statement announced amendments to the Excise Act to permit easing of licensing requirements for researchers who wish to manufacture denatured spirits for use in experimentation and development of fuels. Among other changes the bonding requirement will be reduced to \$10,000. Persons holding this license are also made exempt from the excise duties levied on spirits. There are no provisions currently in the Excise Tax Act which would impose a special excise tax on gasohol analogous to the excise tax currently levied on gasoline. A decision pertaining to the tax treatment of gasohol will be made in the event that gasohol becomes available for sale in commercial quantities.

2. (b), (c) and (d) The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, in co-operation with other government departments, is reviewing the alcohol fuels issues facing Canada. This review is well advanced and input from the provinces will be sought in the next few weeks. In addition to fermentation type alcohol (ethanol), Canada has the potential to produce large quantities of methanol (wood alcohol) from natural gas, coal and biomass. The issues involved relate to both production of use of alcohols. When the analysis and consultations are completed, the Minister of Energy,