

INDUSTRY

MICHELIN TIRE COMPANY—POSSIBLE EXEMPTION FROM CUSTOMS DUTIES FOR CERTAIN IMPORTS—EXTENSION TO OTHER COMPANIES

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance arising out of one I put to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce last Friday and one that the hon. member for Regina East put to the Minister of Finance yesterday concerning the duty free remission rights that were being granted to the Michelin Tire Company in Nova Scotia. Yesterday the minister said on the one hand that the government had not authorized any duty free entry of certain types or certain sizes of tires for the Michelin Company and then he went on to say that the decision had not yet been reached as to when such a remission would come into effect. Would the minister clarify this? Is it a matter of time for the remission to be implemented, or the right to import duty free to be implemented, or has the government decided not to make such a concession to the Michelin Tire Company?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): I would interpret it primarily as a matter of time, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broadbent: If it is a matter of time, can the minister inform the House whether other tire companies in Canada located in Ontario and Quebec are going to be granted the same right to import tires produced in other countries duty free?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): I cannot answer that question at this time, Mr. Speaker.

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FINANCE

ALLEGED LACK OF BUDGETARY PROVISION FOR ANTICIPATED SHORTFALL IN UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. Could the minister explain to the House why no budgetary provision was made for the anticipated shortfall in the unemployment insurance fund due to the excessive unemployment when it will be necessary for the government to make up that shortfall from the consolidated revenue fund?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, even on the basis of the premise of the hon. gentleman's question there are sufficient funds.

Mr. Hellyer: Is it not a fact that due to unemployment the shortfall above the statutory limit will be as high as perhaps \$500 million and that this amount will have to be met out of the consolidated revenue fund during the coming year?

Mr. Speaker: Order. It seems to me that this again is debate. This is the kind of consideration that hon. members will want to take into account during the debate on the budget.

Inquiries of the Ministry

[Translation]

MANPOWER

LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—GRANTS PAID TO DAY-CARE CENTRES—DISCUSSIONS WITH QUEBEC

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the hon. Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

Since the government is indirectly subsidizing day-care centres through LIP, especially in the province of Quebec, would the minister tell the House whether there has been discussions between himself and Quebec minister Castonguay on this subject?

[English]

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the question of permanent day-care centres would fall partly under provincial jurisdiction, and the type of continuous dialogue the hon. member has suggested would take place between the Minister of National Health and Welfare and his counterparts in the various provinces.

LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—POSSIBILITY OF MAKING DAY-CARE CENTRES PERMANENT

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): As a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, may I ask the minister to explain what he meant when he said he would try to find ways of making the day-care centres under the Local Initiatives Program permanent? What is his program for doing that?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, we intend to retain the criteria that were established when the Local Initiatives Program first came into being some months ago for those projects that involve day-care centres. This means that ongoing programs as of the first of June would include those day-care centres that can bear the scrutiny and examination we are now giving them.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. At this point I have to appeal to hon. members. We have just about ten minutes remaining before the end of the question period. A number of hon. members are seeking an opportunity to ask questions. I will make an effort to see as many of them as possible, but for this purpose the Chair will need the co-operation of hon. members in limiting their supplementaries.

Mrs. MacInnis: According to what the minister has just said, is he planning to make the day-care centres permanent for only four more months, which I understand is the duration of the Local Initiatives Program?

Mr. Mackasey: Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the hon. lady is suggesting that because it is impossible for me to extend them beyond the four months without the consent of all the provinces we should not extend them at all?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This is debate.