

Oral Questions

depend on the policy of the United States or of the international organization?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, but I did not quite get the hon. member's question.

Mr. Latulippe: I shall put my question once more, Mr. Speaker.

I am asking the minister whether Canada will be in a position to float its dollar or whether the decision will be left to United States or world organization policy?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, we have our own economic policy and at present, as I told the hon. member for Edmonton West, we are continuing to float the Canadian dollar.

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[English]

TRADE**CANADA-UNITED STATES AUTO PACT—POSITION OF DISCUSSIONS—INVESTMENT BY INDUSTRY IN CANADA**

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of the fact that the specific item of trade that has been of most concern to the United States in recent months has been the Canada-United States automotive agreement, is the minister in a position to tell us what has happened in terms of discussion of that agreement up to this point?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, that particular so-called irritant was one of several that were discussed on an earlier occasion. There have not been any discussions with respect to that particular item in recent months.

Mr. Broadbent: In view of the concern being expressed at present in Canada by both the parts sector of the industry and the assembly plant sector concerning investment decisions that are now being made in that industry, the concern being that all the investment now will take place on the American side of the border for future production, would the minister assure the House that he will obtain assurances from the Canadian side of that industry that we will get our fair share of future investment in the automotive industry during the next 12 months?

Mr. Gillespie: Any discussion with respect to the benefits of the automotive pact or its reconsideration or revision must, in our view, provide significant benefits for Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings on a last supplementary question on this subject

[Translation]

and then I shall recognize the hon. member for Bellechasse.

[Mr. Latulippe.]

[English]

FINANCE**EFFECT OF POSSIBLE DEVALUATION OF UNITED STATES DOLLAR ON CANADIAN DOLLAR**

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. Because it has been widely rumoured during the weekend that the United States dollar will be devalued because of that country's trading difficulties with West Germany and Japan in particular, does the government of Canada feel that this will affect adversely the Canadian dollar as opposed to the U.S. dollar?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman himself admits that it is still a rumour and therefore the question is hypothetical.

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGES ACT**REFERENCE OF REPORT OF COMMISSIONER TO HOUSE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the minister responsible for the application of the Official Languages Act.

In view of the importance of the second annual report of the official languages commissioner, does the minister intend to refer it to a house committee or will he take steps to implement the recommendations of the commissioner?

[English]

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, it is on my prescribed reading list. It is being studied by the department, and I would suggest that all Members of Parliament would be interested in reading that document.

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GRAIN**PROVISION BY RAILWAYS OF SUFFICIENT CARS FOR MOVEMENT—SYSTEM OF ALLOCATION**

Mr. Norval Horner (Battleford-Kindersley): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the minister responsible for the Wheat Board. Would the minister explain, or at least investigate, the problem in Saskatchewan where many producers have been unable to deliver quotas for months because many points are plugged while other points are less than half filled and there is still lots of room? Many of these quotas are election quotas that were imposed last September.

● (1430)

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, individual situations will be looked into, including some brought to my attention by a telegram this morning. The Canadian Wheat Board is making every effort to assign