

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. As put by the hon. member, this question is of a general nature and out of order.

[English]

**EXPO '67****REPORTED USE OF U.S. MADE MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. J. R. Keays (Gaspé):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Trade and Commerce, who answers to matters concerning Expo '67. Have any representations been made to the minister to the effect that American made mechanical equipment is being dumped on the Canadian market and is used in Canadian pavilions at Expo '67 without consideration to fair evaluations of quality and market value?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member may wish to place the question on the order paper. In the meantime I am sure the minister has noted the hon. member's comments and representations.

**Mr. Keays:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. If I put it on the order paper possibly all the mechanical equipment will have been purchased before I receive an answer.

[Translation]

**HOUSE OF COMMONS****POSSIBLE RESIGNATION OF QUEBEC CONSERVATIVE MEMBERS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Auguste Choquette (Lotbinière):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to refer to the section of the standing orders of the house which allows a member to put a question to another member about matters concerning the business of the house.

[English]

I should like to direct my question to the right hon. Leader of the Opposition. Will the right hon. gentleman inform the house if it is the intention of any other Quebec members of his party to resign their seats?

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition):** I am sure the house would look forward with earnest and hopeful anticipation to the hon. gentleman himself leaving this place.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The question was out of order.

[Mr. Caouette.]

**Mr. Choquette:** I rise on a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. I am sure the right hon. gentleman will leave the house before I do.

**AGRICULTURE****REQUEST FOR STATEMENT WITH REGARD TO FARM SAFETY**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey North):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the fact that agriculture in Canada has become highly mechanized, can the minister make a progress report to the house with regard to his efforts in connection with farm safety?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member recognizes, I am sure, that this is not a question that can be asked now. It might be placed on the order paper.

**Mr. Noble:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I asked this question of the Minister of Agriculture about a month ago and he promised he would have a report to make to the house. I believe he must have something constructive to say now.

**Mr. Speaker:** Perhaps the minister has, but he might want to do it in some other way than by answering a question on orders of the day.

**CONSUMER CREDIT****REQUEST FOR CONFERENCE ON CO-ORDINATION OF LEGISLATION**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I, on behalf of a colleague who has been called out of the house, ask a question of the Minister of Finance, notice of which was sent to him? I shall, however, abbreviate it. In view of the report that one of the provincial treasurers in the west is concerned about the lack of co-ordination of consumer credit legislation in the various provinces, is consideration being given to the calling of a conference to try to co-ordinate this legislation as between the provincial and federal jurisdictions?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance):** The provincial treasurer of Alberta has written to me suggesting that I consider inviting appropriate provincial ministers and their officials to meet with me later this year to discuss the subject of consumer credit and interest disclosure. Ministers from other provinces have also indicated they would be interested in such a meeting.