

*Oral Questions*

of continuing revelations concerning the activities of air carriers and travel agencies, will the Acting Prime Minister check immediately on possible violations of the Aeronautics Act prohibition against discriminatory rates and report his findings to the House?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I will direct this representation to the Minister of Transport.

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**AIR CANADA****SUGGESTED ACTION BY CNR TO RECOVER ALLEGED UNAUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES**

**Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Since it is standard practice for shareholders in a company to seek to recover funds spent by management in an illegal or unauthorized manner, will the minister ask the CNR, as a principal shareholder of Air Canada, to initiate such actions in regard to any under the table payments made by the current management of Air Canada?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I will see that the attention of the Minister of Transport is drawn to this question.

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**ENERGY****GASOLINE—SUGGESTED REDUCTION IN SPEED LIMIT TO CONSERVE GASOLINE AND SAVE LIVES**

**Mr. Hugh Poulin (Ottawa Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I will direct my question to the Acting Prime Minister or the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. In order to conserve gasoline and save lives, will the minister or the government seek through co-operation with provincial governments a maximum speed limit for motor vehicles on Canadian highways of 55 miles an hour? If this co-operation is not forthcoming will the government consider introducing such legislation in this House as a matter of national concern relating to conservation?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, the government has already sought the co-operation of provincial governments in this regard. I regret to say the first response has been negative. However, we intend to seek the co-operation of provincial governments on a lower speed limit which, of course, can yield benefits not only in terms of gasoline saved but will have a great safety advantage for all Canadians. As to the question of whether we should take over jurisdiction in the default of action by provincial governments, I would have to reflect upon that.

[Mr. McKenzie.]

**FOOD PRICES REVIEW BOARD****REPORT ON FISH PRICES—POSSIBILITY OF REFERENCE TO COMBINES INVESTIGATION BRANCH**

**Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In view of the fact that the Food Prices Review Board report on fisheries indicated a wide discrepancy between the wholesale and retail prices for groundfish—from 49 cents per pound to \$1.08 per pound—does the minister intend to bring this to the attention of the director of the combines investigation branch?

[Translation]

**Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, this report by the Food Prices Review Board is now under study by officials of my department. It is an excellent report, and I hope we will be able to take action following the recommendations stated in this report.

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[English]

**CONSUMER AFFAIRS****DATE OF INTRODUCTION OF ANTI-PROFITEERING LEGISLATION**

**Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe):** In view of the fact that the appendix to the Speech from the Throne indicated that the government would be introducing anti-profiteering legislation, could the minister indicate when that legislation will come before the House?

[Translation]

**Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** As soon as possible, Mr. Speaker. I hope the present legislative program will be approved quickly to enable us to proceed with other bills announced in the Speech from the Throne, and I hope it will be in the very near future.

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[English]

**THE CANADIAN CONSTITUTION****GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES TO PROVIDE FOR AMENDMENT**

**Mr. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon-Biggart):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to address my question to the Acting Prime Minister. On October 2, 1974, the Prime Minister indicated the government's intention to proceed with negotiations with the provinces to the end that provision for amendment of our constitution within Canada could be attained. Would the minister advise the House what initiatives are being taken by the government in this regard?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I know the Prime Minister continues to have an active interest in this subject. I am not quite sure to what stage he may have carried on his conversations. I will make inquiries.