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with Debate pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure  
by Mr MORELAND, Sir James SCOTT-HOPKINS, Mrs PHLIX,  
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to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject : Canadian Provincial Liquor Boards

Will the Commission state :

1. If it is true that the Reagan administration threatened retaliatory action if changes by Ontario on imported wines (in the case - from California) were not removed;
2. If it is true that the Ontario Government has agreed to remove the handling charge on imported wines. If so, is this total removal without qualification ? Will the Commission protest if this removal is replaced by subsidies to the Ontario Wine Industry ?
3. If it is true that despite the 1979 Provincial Statement discrimination still exists against spirits in the Liquor Commissions of a number of products especially against Scotch and Brandy ?

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4. If it has made strong protest against the minimum listing system of a number of provinces which effectively makes it impossible to promote new alcoholic products or, specialised products or many European beers, ciders, sherry or better quality wines;
5. If it agrees that the whole Liquor Brandy system is restrictive particularly to imported alcoholic products and that following the U S example stern action is necessary which could include retaliating action on European imports of Canadian rye whisky ?