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Nurserymen Discuss Border Quarantine Developing uniform quarantines and regulations to make a freer exchange of plant materials between the U.S. and Canada may soon be possible. Twenty officials representing both governments, U.S. nurserymen and the nursery industry in Canada met recently to discuss the situation. Five quarantines are now identical including: Japanese beetle, European chafer, Cereal leaf beetle, gypsy moth, and European marsh crane fly. Agreed at the confab that trade associations of each nation will keep each other informed of any changes in quarantines and regulations.

More Dollars For Highways That's the report from the Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration. They estimate that \$21.8 billion will be available in 1972 for Federal, State and local governments.

EPA Okays Insecticide Product Prentiss Drug & Chemical Co., Inc. has announced registration by Environmental Protection Agency of Prentox intermediate DPB-1000. The concentrate contains Diazinon and synergized pyrethrins. It will be further formulated for the preparation of a finished insecticide.

Dollar Devaluation U.S. small business will be little affected by the President's announcement of the devalued dollar, say economists. Japanese and European import prices will register a change. U.S. investors in foreign markets will benefit most; foreign business in the U.S. will be hardest hit.

Auto Excise Tax Refund As suspected, the 1971 Revenue Act, now law, repealed the 7 percent excise tax on new cars and trucks weighing up to 10,000 pounds. Made it retroactive to August 16. Customer's refund checks will be mailed early this year.

Ruckelshaus On Eutrophication The EPA administrator in a recent House committee hearing pointed to \$12 billion included in the February '71 Nixon program to achieve clean water. "If it appears, Ruckelshaus said, "that phosphorus control measures might be effective, we will work out the remedial action which will be necessary in conjunction with the state and localities involved." He further said that the Refuse Act permit program will be used to deal with industries; and where municipal waste treatment plants are involved, grant funds will be used to assist in construction of remedial facilities.