

Columbia River Treaty

should either revert to motions, when this statement could be made, or questions, if answered at the time they are asked, should be left at that stage. The other day the minister made a lengthy explanation of incomplete answers. Is he now about to do the same thing?

Mr. Speaker: Is the statement of the minister a long statement or a short statement in answer to a question?

Mr. Tremblay: Mr. Speaker, it is in answer to a question. It is a short statement.

Hon. Léon Balcer (Three Rivers): Is it long or short? On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I think it is extremely important that we know if it is a very long answer that would constitute a statement on motions, or whether it is strictly an answer, by yes or no, to a few questions asked yesterday. If the minister is anxious to answer questions he should answer them when they are asked, and not wait until another day and make a full statement trying to cover up his first one.

Mr. Speaker: I would advise the hon. member that I asked the minister if his statement is long or short and he has assured me it is a short statement.

[Translation]

Mr. Tremblay: 1. All information concerning a person detained under the Immigration Act will have to be forwarded promptly to the head office of the department in Ottawa.

2. Such information will be placed on file in Ottawa where it will be checked daily by senior officials of the department.

3. Report will also have to be made immediately to Ottawa concerning the progress of any action taken against a person detained under the Immigration Act or otherwise. That will enable the officials entrusted with the supervision of such cases in Ottawa to know exactly how matters stand at any given time.

4. Any person against whom a deportation order has been issued will be deported as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made concerning transportation and reception by the country where the person is being deported (unless charges have been laid under the Criminal Code).

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SHIPPING

CONSIDERATION OF ESTIMATES PROVIDING FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, may I ask what is apparently to be the last question today of the Minister of Public Works. This is an urgent matter, because almost a week ago the minister said he would shortly be tabling supplementary estimates relating to the low water problems. Can the minister give us an indication now of how soon they will be tabled?

Hon. J. P. Deschatelets (Minister of Public Works): Very shortly, Mr. Speaker; and may I add that probably tomorrow I will make a statement covering this important matter.

Mr. Aiken: On motions?

Mr. Deschatelets: As usual, Mr. Speaker.

POWER

COLUMBIA RIVER—APPROVAL OF RATIFICATION OF TREATY

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs) moved:

That it is expedient that the houses of parliament do approve the ratification of the treaty between Canada and the United States of America relating to co-operative development of the water resources of the Columbia river basin, signed at Washington on January 17, 1961, and the consequent coming into force of the protocol thereto annexed to the exchange of notes signed at Washington on January 22, 1964, and that this house do approve the same.

He said: Mr. Speaker, the committee on external affairs, which dealt with the Columbia river treaty project, made its report to this house, and this will be found in *Votes and Proceedings* for May 28 last. I am sure that all members of the house who were not on that committee would want me to say to the chairman, to the vice-chairman and to all the members of that committee how grateful we are for the thorough way in which this subject was considered by the committee, not only by those who supported the treaty and the protocol but by those who took issue with both those instruments. Certainly, as the minister responsible, I want to add my own personal gratitude for the fact that this committee, which held 50 sittings, did such a thorough and responsible job. I am sure the country will be grateful.