

Oral Questions

ago, could the minister tell us whether a decision has in fact been made and when an announcement can be expected?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, following a question by an hon. member I asked the chairman of the CRTC whether a decision had been made, and the chairman of the CRTC assures me that a decision has not been made but that it should be forthcoming.

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INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport.

I wish to congratulate the minister for the participation of his department in the exhibition of the International Association of Navigation Congresses which took place—

Mr. Speaker: Would the hon. member ask his question?

Mr. Godin: Mr. Speaker, since the exhibits put up by the government of Canada were limited to pictures and mock-ups of a few coast guard ships would the minister say when he will be able to invite us to a genuine exhibition of Canadian merchant marine ships?

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[*English*]

ENERGY

PROPOSED MACKENZIE VALLEY PIPELINE—POSITION OF DISCUSSIONS WITH UNITED STATES

Mr. Trevor Morgan (St. Catharines): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources may I address a question to the Prime Minister? In view of the vote in the United States Senate this morning approving the construction of the Alaska Pipeline, setting aside the provision of the Environmental Protection Act and removing any prospect of judicial review, can the right hon. gentleman tell me whether discussions are being continued in connection with the projected Mackenzie pipeline for gas and, if so, when it is expected that the results of such discussions can be made known to the House?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, I must say that the subject of the decision reached this morning by the Senate in Washington affects in no way the future of the construction of a pipeline in Canada, because the decision of the American Senate deals with oil. With regard to the discussions concerning the construction of a pipeline, the situation remains the same: we are still interested in having a pipeline built along the Mackenzie Valley.

[Mr. Clarke (Vancouver Quadra).]

[*English*]

HOUSING

STUDENT CO-OPERATIVE PROJECTS—REQUEST FOR DELAY IN GRANTING LOAN FOR TREFANN COURT UNTIL ALLEGATIONS OF IMPROPRIETY INVESTIGATED

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, yesterday I directed a question to the Prime Minister; it will be found reported at page 5627 of *Hansard*. I should now like to ask the Minister of State for Urban Affairs whether he would assure the House that the CMHC mortgage in connection with a large public project known as Trefann Court will not be approved until Mr. John Jordan, former executive director of Co-operative College Residence Incorporated has been investigated? Can he assure us that a mortgage will not be granted in connection with this large project until the secret investigation which is now going on has been completed?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): As I said in the House the other day, at the request of the Mayor of Toronto and the government of Ontario a general commitment was made regarding Trefann Court housing because, of course, this is an urban renewal scheme which all governments, as well as the citizens involved, are anxious to see go forward. However, no specific application for a loan has been received, no loan application has been approved and none will be approved until I am totally satisfied that the taxpayers' interest in the investment is protected and all the inquiries I have made are answered satisfactorily.

Mr. Woolliams: In the report made by Mr. Yorke, counsel for the CMHC, it was stated that Mr. Jordan was incompetent as far as being the executive director of the colleges was concerned. If he was so incompetent, will the minister assure the House that in light of the report he has received from counsel, no such loan will be made to a man by the name of Jordan who is head of the group?

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Mr. Basford: Mr. Speaker, irrespective of what any report may have said about Mr. Jordan, he is solely a consultant, as I understand it, and no loan would be made to him.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair will recognize the hon. member on a supplementary question, but I must remind hon. members that we are running short of time. The Chair will then recognize the hon. member for Churchill, and the hon. member for Nickel Belt.

STUDENT CO-OPERATIVE PROJECTS—DATE WHEN CENTRAL MORTGAGE AND HOUSING FIRST AWARE OF ALLEGATIONS OF IMPROPRIETY BY VINCENT LAPETINA

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary is directed to the minister. I gave him notice of this question. Can he advise the House when Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation was first made aware of the allegations by Vincent Lapetina in respect of irregular and illegal practices that existed in relation to certain student co-operative housing projects?