

*Inquiries of the Ministry***ATOMIC ENERGY****ACTION TO IMPROVE COMPETITIVE POSITION IN SALE OF NUCLEAR REACTORS**

**Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. In view of the difficulties Canada has had in selling nuclear reactors, would the minister tell us what steps the government is taking to improve our competitive position?

**Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, the sale of Candu reactors of course has been going extremely well in the domestic market and we have sold a test reactor to Taiwan, but certainly sales in world markets have been difficult, not because of the capability of our product but because of ancillary benefits given by our competitors. This whole question certainly is one which will shortly require review.

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**FINANCE****INQUIRY AS TO PRESENTATION OF BUDGET—SEPARATION FROM TAX CHANGES**

**Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance in respect of the presentation of a budget and a financial review. Has the minister made up his mind yet whether he will present a budget in the normal way, what will be its timing and will this budget be divorced entirely from the massive tax changes he intends to propose?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, the answer to the first part of the question is yes. The timing has not been decided at the present time. The answer to the second part of the question is that this has not yet been determined.

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**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****INQUIRY AS TO OPENING OF DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN ZAMBIA**

**Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough):** Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the President of the Treasury Board. The other day in answer to a question regarding the opening of a diplomatic mission in Zambia the Secretary of State for External Affairs advised that such a project was on his list and he hoped it was on the list of the Treasury Board too. May I now ask the President of the Treasury Board if Zambia has not made it and only Algeria has?

**Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board):** Mr. Speaker, I am sure the hon. gentleman would not want me to anticipate announcements which should properly be made by the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

[Mr. Drury.]

**REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION****CAPE BRETON—SUGGESTED PROGRAMS TO ALLEVIATE UNEMPLOYMENT**

**Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion but in his absence and because of the urgency perhaps I might direct it to the Acting Prime Minister. In view of the very large-scale unemployment on Cape Breton Island, would the minister consider having the Cape Breton Development Corporation embark on a major program, thus providing an infrastructure in conjunction with the municipalities, and also a program of pollution control measures in Sydney Harbour, which would have the double-barrelled effect of creating employment and solving a severe and continuing problem?

**Hon. C. M. Drury (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I shall be glad to pass on this representation to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

**Mr. Muir:** Mr. Speaker, I thank the Acting Prime Minister for his reply. I have a supplementary question. In light of the concern expressed by the Metro Alliance for Development at Sydney and the Catholic Social Services Commission at Halifax who have sent an open letter to the Prime Minister regarding the unemployment situation in Cape Breton, and in view of the statement by the Prime Minister in the House yesterday that the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion is constantly considering new initiatives, would the Acting Prime Minister and the cabinet give immediate priority to this most serious problem as unemployment in Cape Breton is at least twice the national average?

**Mr. Drury:** Mr. Speaker, I can assure the hon. gentleman the cabinet will be giving the consideration to the unemployment problem which it unquestionably merits.

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**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE****INCARCERATION OF BOY OF 14 IN BRITISH COLUMBIA PENITENTIARY**

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might direct a question to the Solicitor General. My question relates to a young lad of 14 years of age who only a couple of days ago was fed into the educational system for criminality, namely, the British Columbia Penitentiary. I should like to ask the minister what plans exist for the salvation and rehabilitation of that young fellow?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I shall certainly look into the matter which strikes me as rather odd in view of the young prisoner's age.

[English]

**Mr. Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, I too am astounded both by this case and the fact that the minister did not