

**Mr. Nowlan:** We have established what you are; now we want to know your price.

**Mr. Horner:** Do you fly once a week like Otto?

ACCEPTANCE BY MINISTER OF RIDE ON AIRCRAFT OWNED BY BANK—POSITION OF PRIME MINISTER

**Mr. Heward Grafftey (Brome-Missisquoi):** Mr. Speaker, I repeat my supplementary question to the Prime Minister. Does the Prime Minister feel it is proper that when a consumer bill is before the House—a consumer interest bill to protect borrowers and lenders—a minister of the Crown should accept free transportation from an interested group? The question is as simple as that.

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, there are conflict of interest guidelines which exist in the government.

**An hon. Member:** That's right; you can say that again.

• (1450)

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** There is one for the government and one for the rest of the people.

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, I am told by the hon. member opposite that there is one for the government and one for the rest of the people. Members on the other side can accept a ride on somebody's aeroplane without feeling they have sold out to that particular interest and the same applies to this side.

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### ENERGY

PROPOSED OIL PIPELINE FROM KITIMAT TO EDMONTON—  
SUGGESTION GOVERNMENT EXPRESS CONCERN TO ENERGY BOARD

**Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and concerns a proposal for the construction of an oil terminal and pipeline from Kitimat to Edmonton by Trans-Mountain Pipe Line Company. In view of the fact that the National Energy Board is expected to hold hearings on this application prior to Christmas and in view of the very strong reservations expressed by the Department of the Environment and the British Columbia department of environment as well as the federal Department of Transport, would the minister advise if he has been in communication with the National Energy Board to express the reservation of the government concerning this dangerous proposal?

**Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. member is inviting me to do something entirely unproper.

**Mr. Nowlan:** That will not bother you over there.

### Oral Questions

**Mr. Gillespie:** I think it is an incredible suggestion from a member of the New Democratic Party that a minister of the Crown should intervene on a matter which the National Energy Board was set up to deal with independently.

**Mr. Leggatt:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Studies which the minister has available indicate that at least a three year environmental impact study is necessary before consideration should be given to that proposal. While the minister may say it is improper for him to communicate with the National Energy Board, would he announce to the House in terms of government policy whether they would wish that proposal to be delayed until proper and complete studies take place over a three year period? Would the minister go on record?

**Mr. Gillespie:** Mr. Speaker, the National Energy Board was set up by parliament to deal with situations of this kind; that is to say, to consider the public interest before issuing any certificate of public convenience or necessity. Clearly the National Energy Board has the power to call the various parties together, including those concerned with the environmental effects, and to have a proper hearing. It would be because of the potential effect of this measure on the area and Canada that these hearings should get under way relatively shortly.

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### FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

NAME OF FINANCE MINISTER REPRESENTING QUEBEC AT NEXT CONFERENCE

**Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the right hon. Prime Minister.

Given the forthcoming conference of federal-provincial finance ministers, would the Prime Minister tell the House whether or not he had discussions with the new premier of the province of Quebec as to who will attend this conference as finance minister? If so, would it be premature to ask him the name of this person?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the answer is no. I do not think I will know that name before Mr. Bourassa has resigned officially as premier and his successor has formed his cabinet. I do not know who he will appoint as finance minister but I can assure him that we expect this person to be here, at the federal-provincial conference, as we do all finance ministers of the other provinces.