

Ottawa Valley, what price increases for gasoline in those two areas does the federal government propose to allow?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I just responded to a similar question from the Leader of the Opposition. In relation to feedstock, the price increase will be around eight cents west of the line and around three cents east of the line, depending, of course, on the calculation of the gathering cost in Alberta.

**Mr. Douglas:** Since the minister had already said seven cents, do I take it he is now prepared to allow the price of gasoline to rise by eight cents, giving the companies another cent per gallon? What price does he propose to fix for home heating fuel in the two areas after present feedstocks are depleted?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, there are variations within the various oil products. This is an approximation of what the change should be. The actual costs with relation to a particular product will be determined after information is received from the companies. Therefore it is difficult at this point to give a precise figure for home heating oil or any other product of the oil barrel.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Chair will recognize the hon. member for one further supplementary and then the hon. member for Charlevoix to complete the first round of questioning. I will return to the hon. member for Okanagan Boundary and others who have supplementaries on this subject.

**Mr. Douglas:** Is the minister now saying the government is committing itself to keeping the price increases on gasoline and home heating fuel west of the Ottawa Valley down to seven or eight cents and east of the Ottawa Valley down to three cents? Also, what machinery does the minister propose to set up to enforce that decision and to monitor any increases that may take place above those figures?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, that particular machinery will be in the bill which will be introduced to provide the new petroleum administration system.

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### MANPOWER

#### OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—METHOD OF ALLOCATING FUNDS

**Mr. Gilles Caouette (Charlevoix):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

Has he divided, by riding, the funds allotted YOP projects and, if so, will this information be made public and when?

[English]

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, the allocation of funds for Opportunities for Youth will not be on the basis of a constituency breakdown. It will be on the basis of 33 labour market areas in Canada, as I have explained on two

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or three occasions in the House and on several other occasions publicly.

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### ENERGY

#### ACTION TO ENSURE DEVICES THAT WOULD INCREASE GASOLINE MILEAGE NOT BEING WITHHELD FROM MARKET

**Mr. G. H. Whittaker (Okanagan Boundary):** Mr. Speaker, my question is supplementary to that asked by my leader. It is directed to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In view of the rise in gas prices in British Columbia by as much as 10 cents per gallon, have the minister and his department made an investigation to ensure there are no patents or devices that would increase the mileage of gasoline motors that are being withheld from production or held off the market?

**Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, while my department is responsible for the law regarding the issuing of patents, I think such investigations really come more under the department of Science and Technology or the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Winnipeg North for one last supplementary on this subject and then the hon. member for Medicine Hat.

#### INVESTIGATION OF INCREASE IN PRICES OF MOTOR OIL AND OTHER LUBRICANTS

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources whether he will look into claims of industrial users such as truckers that during the so-called price freeze on gasoline there were substantial increases by the oil companies in the prices of oil, grease and other lubricants?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, there has been considerable discussion on this point. Up until the first ministers conference, while we had exercised restraint with regard to the two principal products, motor fuels and home heating oil, we had not attempted to exercise restraint on all the other products that come from the petroleum barrel. As of that conference, we asked the industry both east and west to restrain their prices on all products, so it depends on whether the hon. member is referring to the period after the January 22 conference. If it is the latter, I would be glad to have details of any violation about which he may have knowledge.

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### AGRICULTURE

#### SUBSIDY TO BEEF PRODUCERS—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON OPERATION OF PROGRAM

**Mr. Bert Hargrave (Medicine Hat):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of Agriculture with