

Report on Miscellaneous Estimates

FINANCE

EXEMPTION OF URBAN RENEWAL CONSTRUCTION FROM FREEZE ON DEPRECIATION ALLOWANCES

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): I have a question for the Minister of Finance but in his absence I will direct it to the Minister without Portfolio in charge of housing. In view of the growing concern for the future of urban renewal, particularly since the tabling of the budget proposal on depreciation allowances, will the minister use his good influence to convince his colleague, the Minister of Finance, to exempt areas designated for urban renewal from the freeze on depreciation allowances?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): It is an interesting proposition, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Alexander: I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Kootenay West.

WATER RESOURCES

CONSULTATION WITH PROVINCIAL MINISTERS ON CANADA WATER ACT

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources or his Parliamentary Secretary. Does the minister plan on calling an early meeting of those provincial ministers concerned with water resources in order to ensure as wide an area of co-operation as possible in the understanding and implementation of the Canada Water Act?

Mr. R. J. Orange (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): No, Mr. Speaker.

IMMIGRATION

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR EAST ASIANS IN AFRICAN COUNTRIES

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal): I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Are any special arrangements being made to facilitate the movement of people of east Asian origin now in Kenya and other African countries, in view of the great difficulties these people are having in finding a place in which to live?

An hon. Member: What about Yarmouth?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, over the past year or so we have been studying this question with a view to assisting the movement of any such persons. I have not checked the situation recently but I would be happy to do so and report to my hon. friend.

NATIONAL PARKS

BONNE BAY, NFLD.—OIL EXPLORATION RIGHTS—REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St-Barbe): I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In view of the complications which have arisen with regard to the establishment of a national park in the province of Newfoundland and the evidence of oil exploration rights, would the minister agree to hold a public hearing in the province similar to that held in Nova Scotia to ascertain the legality of such rights which are seriously hindering economic development?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, there is no need to hold a public hearing to determine whether there can be oil prospection in a park. It is a well-known policy in Canada that no prospection of any kind whatsoever can be carried out in a park. If the government of Newfoundland wants to be given a second national park, it will have to abide by the federal legislation on national parks, just as do the other provinces.

• (3:20 p.m.)

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY S.O. 58—MISCELLANEOUS ESTIMATES—PROCEDURAL IMPLICATIONS OF FOURTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Speaker: As the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin) knows, the point which he raised in the House the other day was again brought up yesterday and it was agreed that the hon. member would be given an opportunity today at this time to present the submissions he has in mind.

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I think that Your Honour and this House are faced with a very interesting point,