

the House that at least those four ideas in that report will be implemented some time in the next two or three months?

**Hon. John Roberts (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I suspect that the recommendation with respect to the Canadian Centre for Educational Statistics may be beyond the area of my jurisdiction.

In relation to the other suggestions, I would say that they seem to me very worthy of sympathetic consideration, and I take it that they have the endorsement of the hon. gentleman and his Party.

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### ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

#### RADIOACTIVE SEWAGE LEAK AT KEY LAKE URANIUM MINE, SASK.

**Mr. Doug Anguish (The Battlefords-Meadow Lake):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of the Environment. Yesterday I asked a question in the House concerning the spill of radioactive water at the Key Lake mine site in northern Saskatchewan. Since that time we have become aware that there is yet another spill of some 800 litres of radioactive sewage which has some 90 times the acceptable standard for radioactivity. I believe the Department must have known that this was a recurring problem because of the 15 or 16 spills at Key Lake since the beginning of that mining operation less than a year ago.

In answer to my question yesterday I was told that there are some four inquiries being conducted to look into this problem. Does the federal Government not have contingency plans to handle such emergency situations and, if so, instead of having these four inquiries will the Minister table in the House the contingency plans that the federal Government must have for clean up and disposal of this radioactive waste?

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Minister of the Environment):** Mr. Speaker, these four initiatives that I referred to yesterday were taken independently by the four parties concerned. We are endeavouring now to study the sources and reasons for these mishaps. We have two officials from Environment Canada on site. We are very concerned about the fact that this spill did take place, and until we learn the causes and the roots of the problem we cannot develop the necessary precautionary measures that will eventually lead to the preventions that are required so as to ensure that this will not happen again.

**Mr. Anguish:** My goodness, I find that atrocious. The fact is that there is radioactive waste out in the environment of northern Saskatchewan. Do we have to examine the problem of how it got there?

### CLEAN-UP MEASURES

**Mr. Doug Anguish (The Battlefords-Meadow Lake):** Mr. Speaker, the fact is that the radioactive material is there. The Minister has had communication with the provincial Govern-

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ment. These spills have occurred on different occasions. Have they passed on this information to him as Minister of the Environment? What must be done to clean up the radioactive waste that is lying there in northern Saskatchewan?

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Minister of the Environment):** Mr. Speaker, I concur with the word "atrocious" if the Hon. Member is referring to the construction of a plant carried out under the NDP provincial regime of the Party to which he belongs.

With respect to what will happen now, we have investigators on the site. We want to get to the root of the problem and, once we know the sources of the problem, we can also develop preventive measures in the future.

**Mr. Anguish:** It is federal regulations that have to be complied with, and there have been violations of those regulations. The radioactive waste is there, sitting in northern Saskatchewan.

#### REQUEST THAT ROYAL COMMISSION INVESTIGATE NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE

**Mr. Doug Anguish (The Battlefords-Meadow Lake):** Due to all of the problems which have occurred within the nuclear fuel cycle, such as the problems in reactors in Ontario and the spills in Saskatchewan at the present time, will the Minister call for a royal commission to look into the problems in the entire nuclear fuel cycle?

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Minister of the Environment):** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member knows very well that initiatives of this kind are under the jurisdiction of and can be initiated by AECB auspices. He knows very well that this is a local event that is very distressing, that has its causes in local management, and perhaps in local construction techniques, on land which is under the jurisdiction of the provincial Government of Saskatchewan. He is trying to confuse the issue for political reasons, and I reject his allegations.

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### NATIONAL REVENUE

#### TAX QUOTA SYSTEM INQUIRY

**Hon. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe):** Mr. Speaker, I have a straightforward question for the Minister of National Revenue. I would appreciate a direct answer. Since he became Minister of National Revenue, which district tax offices have had a quota system in place at any time? Which municipalities?

[Translation]

**Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I made it clear in my answer to the Hon. Member that the policy not to set quotas that would oblige