

the minister ask Mr. Poirier to take the necessary steps toward such a resumption, so that Quebec producers can obtain justice?

[English]

Mr. Munro (Hamilton East): There was no specific date, Mr. Speaker. When Mr. Poirier was down here he was instructed to make himself available to the parties at all times, particularly since he was here, in the hopes of arriving at a settlement. In that sense he was under a constant mandate to try to bring the parties together if they were prepared to come together.

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RESOURCES

WATER—VIEW OF MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN AFFAIRS ON SHARING WITH UNITED STATES—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Bob Wenman (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, when speaking to the American Society of Planning Officials the Minister of State for Urban Affairs, Barney Danson, said he would be very hardheaded about sharing energy resources, but a much softer line would be appropriate where renewable resources like water were involved. Was the minister expressing government policy when he made this statement and, if not, what is the Prime Minister's opinion on this subject?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, this statement was drawn to my attention and it was stated quite clearly by the minister that he was expressing personal views. If the hon. member wishes to read the report he will see that this is made quite clear.

Mr. Wenman: Mr. Speaker, has the Prime Minister participated in or is he aware of any discussions with the United States regarding the use of Canadian fresh water supply by the United States, and what is the government's policy on the export of Canadian water to the United States?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I know of no approach that has been taken, at least in recent times, by the United States on this subject. There has been no decision made nor is any contemplated by the government of Canada on the export of water.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

CAPITAL MURDER CASES—INQUIRY AS TO CABINET ACTION IN CASES WHERE NO RECOMMENDATION OF MERCY MADE

Mr. A. D. Alkenbrack (Frontenac-Lennox and Addington): Mr. Speaker, I know I could direct this question to three different members of the Cabinet, the right hon. Prime Minister, the Solicitor General and the Minister of Justice, but I think the Minister of Justice is the man to answer this question at this time. My question arises from a recent example of the decision and the verdict of a jury being overruled by an appeal court and again by the

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Supreme Court, all of which is of grave concern to the future prospects—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. If the hon. member has a question would he be kind enough to put it.

Mr. Alkenbrack: This is of grave concern to the future prospects of the jury system in our administration of justice. In light of what has happened, in present cases of persons being convicted and sentenced to hang for capital murder, will the Cabinet also overrule and void the sentence of the ultimate penalty, even where no recommendation of clemency has been made by the jury or a majority of the jury?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I recognize the hon. member for York-Sunbury.

Mr. Alkenbrack: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: I will hear the hon. member's point of order at three o'clock.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

VIET NAM—REFUSAL OF GOVERNMENT TO GRANT EXIT VISAS TO DEPENDANT CHILDREN OF VIETNAMESE IN CANADA—GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. J. Robert Howie (York-Sunbury): Mr. Speaker, what action if any does the government of Canada contemplate in light of the refusal of the government of South Viet Nam to allow exit visas for dependent children of landed Vietnamese immigrants in Canada?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, of course we cannot interfere with the decisions of other governments, but we will certainly take whatever action we can in an attempt to reunite families of Canadians or Canadian landed immigrants.

Mr. Howie: Mr. Speaker, would the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs receive an application from me if I gave him some information?

Mr. Sharp: Certainly, Mr. Speaker. I may have to discuss it with my colleague but I would be glad to receive it.

PROPOSED NATO SUMMIT MEETING—GOVERNMENT VIEW OF NEED FOR MEETING

Mr. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. In light of President Ford's statement that he endorses the idea of a NATO summit meeting, will the Prime Minister support such a summit meeting, and also what would Canada's position be at that meeting?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the Secretary of State for External Affairs dealt with that question about a week ago, I believe. He indicated that he had expressed some reservations on the timing of the summit which had been discussed for the end of