

out of the contract for the supply of oil and, if they got out, at what cost?

**Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board):** Mr. Speaker, I am afraid I did not understand the question. I will have to read it in *Hansard*. The government did not get out of any contract to the best of my knowledge.

**Mr. Stanfield:** That's right, it got hooked.

#### DISPOSITION OF HEATING OIL PURCHASED BY GOVERNMENT

**Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is for the Minister of Supply and Services. Can he inform the House what he intends to do with this oil which was purchased and is not really required by Canadians?

**An hon. Member:** Send it to Korea.

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services):** Mr. Speaker, we will use the oil to heat the federal buildings in eastern Canada, from now on.

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[English]

#### HEALTH

##### INCIDENCE OF SILICOSIS AMONG URANIUM WORKERS— ACTION BY MINISTER OF LABOUR

**Mr. John Rodriguez (Nickel Belt):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Labour. In view of the fact the minister has jurisdiction over the health and safety of uranium workers under Clause 10 of the regulations entitled, "Canada Dangerous Substances Regulations", and in view of the fact 10 per cent of the present work force in the Elliot Lake mines are affected to varying degrees by silicosis, will the minister inform the House what steps have been taken by him or what steps he intends to take to protect the workers in the Elliot Lake mine?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, I would advise the hon. member that he is not correct. It is not within my jurisdiction. Had the author of that comment in the north country bothered to check he could easily have found out that was not the case. The jurisdiction falls under the Atomic Energy Control Board and certain activities are undertaken by the radiation division of the Department of National Health and Welfare. I know that my colleague, the Minister of National Health and Welfare, has seen the parties involved and perhaps can give the hon. member a more adequate report. That department is involved and, as I say, the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, not the Department of Labour.

**Mr. Rodriguez:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I have in my possession the regulations entitled "Canada Dangerous Substances Regulations", and under Clause 10 it specifically states that it is the responsibility of the Minister of Labour.

#### Oral Questions

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. That is hardly a point of order; it is a point of debate.

**Mr. Munro (Hamilton East):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I do not believe an inaccuracy should be allowed to remain on the record. When I said that jurisdiction did not rest with the Department of Labour, that was quite correct. Other regulations in respect of uranium and radiation clearly state that they supersede any legislative responsibility I have in terms of safety standards. If the hon. member will check, he will find out that he is incorrect.

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#### ENERGY

##### PURCHASE OF HEATING OIL BY GOVERNMENT—POSSIBILITY OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question that is supplementary to one asked a few minutes ago about conflict of interest. The President of the Treasury Board said that the Department of Supply and Services did not purchase this oil from an adviser to the department and therefore there was no conflict of interest. Will the President of the Treasury Board not agree that the oil was purchased from a company with representation on the advisory committee to the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources which recommended to the Minister of Supply and Services that this oil should be purchased? If that does not constitute a conflict of interest, perhaps the minister could describe what conflict of interest would consist of?

**Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board):** Mr. Speaker, the facts as outlined by the Leader of the Opposition are quite correct. He has established the facts and he is as capable of determining whether there is a conflict of interest, without further inquiry, as is anyone else.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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[Translation]

#### MANPOWER

##### OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS

**Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

In view of the great many projects submitted for the Opportunities for Youth Program, can the minister tell us if he has recommended to the cabinet that the sum of \$25 million be increased for the year 1974?

[English]

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I have not.