

Oral Questions

no treaties were signed. We hope to be able to discuss this problem or formulate a policy on this subject within the coming months.

[English]

ABORIGINAL RIGHTS—REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON
FEDERAL REPRESENTATION ON NEGOTIATING
COMMITTEE—INCLUSION OF YUKON RESIDENTS

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In reply to a question put to him by the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands last Wednesday, he said he would be announcing this week the composition of the federal half of the negotiating committee that would be negotiating settlement of the claims of the Yukon Native Brotherhood. Can he now say whether the composition of the federal side of that committee has been decided and, if so, what is it?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, there is one day left before the week is over. I hope to keep my promise before tomorrow evening.

[English]

Mr. Nielsen: A supplementary question.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. There are two or three minutes left before the end of the question period. The hon. member can ask a supplementary question. The Chair will then recognize the Leader of the Opposition and the hon. member for York South and call orders of the day.

Mr. Nielsen: Can the minister assure the House that the committee will be composed of five or six members and that at least two will be drawn from nominations of the Commissioner in Council of the Yukon?

[Translation]

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, at least one resident of the Yukon will sit on the negotiations committee; this will be announced in due course.

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[English]

INCOME TAX

PROPOSED CUT IN CORPORATION RATES—INQUIRY
WHETHER WAYS AND MEANS MOTION WILL BE THE SAME
AS LAST YEAR'S MOTION

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. Can the minister inform the House whether that part of the notice of the ways and means motion relating to the proposed cut in corporate tax rates with regard to manufacturing and processing profits will be the same as the relative part of the motion arising from his—I am speaking very slowly so the minister will be sure to understand.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

[Mr. Chrétien.]

Mr. Stanfield: Will that part of the motion relating to this tax be in the same words as the ways and means motion the minister tabled following his 1972 budget?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I want to analyse that statement very carefully.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, I will be very happy to have the answer tomorrow.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

CIP PLANT IN TEMISCAMING—PROVISION OF
ASSISTANCE TO TEMBEC TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. Two or three times in the last couple of weeks he has indicated that his department and the government were reaching the point of decision with respect to the application of the group known as TEMBEC to continue the operations of the mill in Temiscaming. May I ask the minister whether a decision has been reached, and can he inform the House what it is?

Hon. James C. Jamieson (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I am happy to be able to say, as I indicated earlier this week that I would, that we have reached a decision. It is one that involves government participation in a major effort to get this mill reopened.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Jamieson: There are several other parties to the agreement, as the hon. member and the Speaker will know, and there will, of course, have to be continuing negotiations to work out suitable arrangements. But if all the other pieces fit into place satisfactorily, the federal government will not impede the project but, indeed, will make a contribution toward it.

Mr. Lewis: I am glad to have the answer that the federal government will participate, but I am a little worried about the further consultations that the minister says will have to take place. In view of the fact that this attempt was put before him last November, or before his department, would the minister take steps to see to it that these consultations are completed quickly and that the mill is reopened with the least possible delay?

Mr. Jamieson: Mr. Speaker, I can certainly give that commitment. May I also add that the reason for additional consultations with the government of Quebec and the company, but particularly with the government of Quebec, is that they have made certain conditional commitments to the project and we want to be sure exactly what their nature is. I hope to meet with the appropriate minister from Quebec on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.