

progress is the government making toward promoting the development and production of the DHC-7 STOL aircraft?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The minister should attempt to reply briefly because we have almost run out of time.

Mr. Jamieson: Mr. Speaker, I was about to say that it would be quite impossible to give a detailed answer. However, I can say that we are in constant touch with the de Havilland Company on this subject.

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NATURAL RESOURCES

OFFSHORE MINERAL RIGHTS—POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL TO PROVINCES

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. Can he indicate to the House and to the people of the Atlantic provinces whether the government has now moved away from the 50-50 sharing formula respecting offshore mineral rights? Also, has he any comment on Premier Regan's announcement that the federal government appears to be moving toward a much more relaxed position—

Mr. Baldwin: "Realistic."

Mr. Forrestall: —a much more realistic position which would assure a good share of that revenue for our Atlantic provinces?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, we have all been quite relaxed about it ever since the Supreme Court decided in that case which was not dissimilar to the one to which the hon. member has referred that this was under federal authority and jurisdiction. As the federal government, we felt that we had to speak for the rights of the people of all Canada. In these negotiations with the provinces we have always indicated that we would be flexible and if any reasonable solution could be found we would be happy to agree to it. The provinces themselves, the hon. member might not know, had several attempts at agreeing among themselves as to what might be done, but they never came up with any proposal to the federal government. I understand that the new Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources plans to visit some of the premiers and discuss these matters with them in the near future.

Mr. Forrestall: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member might ask his supplementary briefly, after which the Chair will recognize the hon. member for Waterloo for one last question.

Mr. Forrestall: Mr. Speaker, would the right hon. gentleman indicate whether he has instructed, or given

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authority to the new Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources to indicate, in his discussions, flexibility with respect to the 50-50 sharing arrangement? Is he allowed to negotiate a better sharing arrangement for the provinces?

Mr. Trudeau: A what?

Mr. Forrestall: Has the Prime Minister given the minister authority to offer the provinces a better deal?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I just answered generally that we had been flexible all along on some kind of arrangement. We put our proposal forward in the hope that we would get agreement on it. One of my intentions in appointing this particular minister is that he is well known for his flexibility—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Trudeau: —and therefore he would be accommodating.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

An hon. Member: God help us.

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ENERGY

POSSIBLE MACKENZIE VALLEY PIPELINES— CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP IN STUDY

Mr. Max Saltzman (Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and refers to the study that his department is conducting which deals with the problem of constructing pipelines along the Mackenzie River valley and a second study involving a major policy review of resources and energy. I ask the minister whether this study will include methods of financing and forms of ownership and, if so, will the study give consideration to public ownership of pipelines in Canada?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, the study in question will be a very extensive one regarding the development both of energy and mineral resources. I think it very likely that incident to that study, the two points the hon. member has mentioned will come up. Very obviously, with the very extensive jurisdiction that the federal government has established and our planned pattern of pipeline and resource development, and our current participation through companies like Panarctic Oils, the government's presence in that area is going to be a very pervasive one.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

DEFERMENT OF VOTES ON AMENDMENTS TO ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH FROM THE THRONE—ITEMS FOLLOWING END OF DEBATE

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order dealing with the business of the