

MANPOWER

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF POLICY ON WORK PERMITS FOR STUDENTS

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address my question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the frustration and the great anxiety facing thousands of Canadian university students who have to obtain a work permit in order to work this summer, is the minister going to make an announcement in a few days to clear up this very difficult problem?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I will be making some comment on the matter before the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration tomorrow afternoon, I believe.

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps my supplementary is in the form of a recommendation to the minister. Will the minister, in his statement, ensure that he makes it clear that students will be given an opportunity through work permits in the summer to carry on their education?

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CANALS

TRENT SYSTEM—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF COURTS REPORT

Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and deals with the joint study by his department and the government of the province of Ontario on the Trent canal system, known as the Courts report. When will the minister make a statement with respect to the implementation of this report?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I do not intend to deliver a statement to the House but I can tell the hon. member that we have continued discussions with the Ontario government and that this is a joint project because some parts of the canal system are provincial government property and others belong to the federal government. We are trying to unite our efforts to obtain the most concrete results possible.

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[English]

AGRICULTURE

SUGGESTED CURTAILMENT OF IMPORTS OF BEEF CATTLE FROM UNITED STATES

Mr. William C. Frank (Middlesex): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Agriculture. As a result of the minister's answer to a question from my colleague last Friday in the House to the effect that he was not aware that there were thousands of cattle being imported into Canada, and since it is

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now quite obvious that Canada, particularly Ontario, is receiving much heavier than normal imports, of United States beef on the hoof, do the minister and the government not consider the situation serious enough to curtail these imports by means of the powers invested in the government for such emergencies, namely, the legality of the unknown deposit of stilbestrol?

Mr. Speaker: That is a representation rather than a question. The hon. member has to assume that his representation is noted.

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INDIANS AFFAIRS

REPORTED COURT DECISION GRANTING NATIVE BROTHERHOOD PERMISSION TO FILE CAVEAT ON MAJOR PORTION OF MACKENZIE VALLEY—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development based on press reports of a decision of Mr. Justice Morrow of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories granting permission to file a caveat on behalf of the Native Brotherhood of the territories over a major portion of the whole of the Mackenzie valley. Does the government intend to take any action with respect to that decision, if it is reported accurately, and, if so, what action?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, in my opinion the hon. member did not quite understand the newspapers. The judge has taken the case under consideration and did not render any final decision. He has authorized the parties to prepare their case and a hearing will take place on May 15. As can be expected, I think the federal government and the territorial government will make representations as will the Indians.

[English]

Mr. Nielsen: I have one supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, with respect to the hearings that will be held before Mr. Justice Morrow. Is it the intention of the government to be represented at those hearings by counsel?

[Translation]

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, no decision has been reached as yet but I should think so.

[English]

LAND USE PERMIT TO COMINCO AT WRIGLEY—CONSULTATION WITH NATIVE PEOPLE

Miss Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. I wonder whether the minister would tell the House if the land use permit issued to Cominco at Wrigley in March was issued in consultation with the native people in that area?

Mr. Chrétien: What was the place again?