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Mr. Chrétien: Certainly, Mr. Speaker.

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SPORTS

CONTRACT TO FLAHERTY MANUFACTURING OF HAMILTON—
INQUIRY WHETHER PETER FLAHERTY ON DEPARTMENTAL
PAYROLL WHEN CONTRACT AWARDED

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Will the minister inform the House if he has inquired into the matter raised in this House on March 11, 1975 by the hon. member for Athabasca concerning the date Flaherty Manufacturing of Hamilton received a \$40,000 contract from the department without tenders being called, and whether Mr. Peter Flaherty was indeed on the departmental payroll as a riding assistant to the former Minister of National Health and Welfare at the same time?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): I have not yet had the report, Mr. Speaker, but will look into this matter and be pleased to give the information to the hon. member tomorrow.

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INDIANS AFFAIRS

ALLEGED FAILURE OF MINISTER TO DEAL WITH GRIEVANCES
OF TREATY SEVEN CHIEFS—GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. Joe Clark (Rocky Mountain): Mr. Speaker, this question is directed to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Since Treaty 7 Chiefs after their last meeting with the minister said, "We've used every peaceful method and gotten no place", will the minister go back to Alberta this month with direct answers to the Treaty 7 Chiefs to help ensure that the Indian people are not driven to abandon peaceful methods.

Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I felt that the replies which were given were direct answers.

Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain): Mr. Speaker, will the minister tell the House why, in the sealed envelopes handed to the chiefs without opportunity for debate, the minister did not respond to a single major suggestion or request put forward by the Treaty 7 bands and whether he will continue to ignore their legitimate grievances and concerns or go back and deal with them directly.

Mr. Buchanan: Mr. Speaker, the statement is absolutely incorrect.

Oral Questions

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON RESULTS OF MEETING WITH
NATIVE INDIAN BROTHERHOOD

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the minister. Can the minister inform the House what progress if any was made at yesterday's meeting between representatives of the NIB and the relevant cabinet committee? If he cannot inform us as to the progress made at this meeting perhaps he can tell the House when a statement will be forthcoming concerning the outcome of that meeting.

Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, it would take a fairly lengthy period of time to give a full report on the meeting. The basic things that were agreed to were the establishment of committees to look into and try to come to agreement on the broad question of what are native rights and second to set up a body to look into the proposed revision of the Indian Act.

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INDUSTRY

AUTOMOBILES—ALLEGED TRANSFERENCE OF PURCHASES OF
TOOLING AND ASSEMBLY PARTS TO UNITED STATES FIRMS

Mr. Sean O'Sullivan (Hamilton-Wentworth): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Is the minister aware that as a result of the poor sales year the United States car industry is having the Canadian subsidiaries of those automobile companies have been instructed to transfer purchase of tooling and assembly parts from Canadian suppliers to firms in the United States? Can the minister advise if he is aware of this situation and if so what his department is prepared to do about it.

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of it. I am interested in the hon. member's question. If he has information to that effect I hope he will give it to me and I will make an inquiry.

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ENERGY

OIL—POSSIBILITY OF PIPELINE TO CARRY ALASKAN OIL TO
UNITED STATES—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Doug Neil (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Last October the minister indicated that he had had some discussions with United States officials concerning a pipeline to carry Alaskan oil through Canada to the United States. Can the minister advise whether these discussions have continued and if so whether the United States officials have put forward any proposals in this regard?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, no specific proposal has been put forward by the United States officials with regard to an oil pipeline through Canada, more probably