

Oral Questions

Agency to carry out inspection to ensure that materials are not diverted for explosive purposes. There is also a provision for Canadian back-up to this inspection service where required. On the fact of it I do not see any additional evidence arising from the hon. member's suggestion that does not presently exist.

SUGGESTED REASSESSMENT OF POLICY OF EXPORTING
NUCLEAR REACTORS

Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I am sure the minister will understand the advantages behind diplomatic immunity for embassies around the world and the same advantage would apply. IRDA, a division of the United States Department of Commerce, has now in a very intensive study indicated that there is no telling economic reason for the export of CANDU reactors to third world countries and that the purchases without exception have been made for power and military prestige only. In view of the continuing body of evidence that is flowing in terms of U.S. and world authorities, is the minister now making a reassessment in terms of Canada's position on the export of those reactors and the increasing risk to world peace that is occurring as a result?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, no one has ever suggested that it would be appropriate in every developing country to have sited power reactors. In some developing countries it may be possible to secure power requirements from other sources. But certainly in a number of developing countries the evidence seems to be overwhelming in the present circumstances that they must rely upon nuclear sources for present power requirements. It is on that basis, and because of the obligation Canada has assumed under the non-proliferation treaty, that we have undertaken to transfer technology to other parts of the world, especially the developing world. It is really one of the most urgent requirements for certain developing countries.

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ANTI-INFLATION BOARD

REASON UNITED STATES COMPANY RECEIVED COPIES OF
PRICING AND PROFITS REGULATIONS BEFORE MEMBERS

Mr. Bruce Halliday (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. In view of the fact that the recently announced regulations of the Anti-Inflation Board on pricing and profits were made available to the media in time for a news article on Tuesday, June 15 and in view of the fact that the United States office of Eaton-Yal in Cleveland, Ohio, received a copy of the regulations three days later on June 18 and more particularly in view of the fact that the Canadian office of that same company in Ontario was embarrassed and annoyed that they were unable to obtain the same information until three days later, at the same time that the local members of parliament received their copy, I wonder how the minister justifies this order of priority?

[Mr. MacEachen.]

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I will bring that grievance to the attention of the board.

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ENERGY

REQUEST FOR REPORT ON PROPOSED ELECTRICAL
TRANSMISSION LINE FROM QUEBEC TO UNITED STATES

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.

Since the province of Quebec has long considered putting up a transmission line which would enable it to sell electricity to the United States, could the minister tell us where those negotiations now stand and would he say if the province of Quebec will receive a positive answer.

[English]

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I believe that upon reflection the hon. member would agree that it would be quite improper for me to speculate on the decision that would be rendered by the National Energy Board on this matter.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REASON FOR RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL TO FOUR COUNTRIES
ON MEMBERS' PASSPORTS

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, my question arises from an earlier question by the hon. member for Edmonton West. It concerns if it was correctly stated by the hon. member for Edmonton West to be an outrageous interference with the rights of members of parliament to have freedom to go where they will, and the rights of Canadians as a whole under the United Nations charter to have freedom of egress and ingress. Was this order made by Order in Council or is it the consequence of bureaucratic lawlessness?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, if that is a question I think the answer to both would be no.

Mr. Diefenbaker: The minister did not know anything about it when he was asked a moment ago. Has he had some information since the question was asked by the hon. member for Edmonton West? If there is an order in Council, will he table it because this is a gross interference with the rights of members of the House of Commons and parliament in general.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Elgin.