

Oral Questions

The Kitimat oil consortium recently lobbied the cabinet in British Columbia and I understand they received a favourable response. Their proposal is before the U.S. government now, and a decision will be made by the U.S. government very shortly concerning that proposal. My question is: has the government now received additional representations from either B.C., the U.S. government or the Kitimat consortium to proceed with a west coast oil port to supply U.S. oil needs?

Mr. Gillespie: To the best of my knowledge, we have not received any additional representations on behalf of the U.S. government, on behalf of any of the producers or on behalf of the B.C. government with respect to the Kitimat port of entry. The point I want to make—I will restate it—is that the port of entry has not been found by the National Energy Board to be, so far as the foreseeable future is concerned, essential to the energy self-reliance of Canada.

I hope the hon. member will understand that the National Energy Board has to concern itself with the energy self-reliance of Canada and benefits for Canadians; it is not concerned with benefits that might accrue to third parties.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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TRADE**CONTRACTUAL LINK BETWEEN CANADA AND EEC**

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister as he takes off for Europe. I have just returned from a NATO conference, where I talked with a great many members of parliament from all the countries in the European Economic Community. I found that none of them had any knowledge of the operation of a contractual link between Canada and their countries. I wonder if the Prime Minister, when he arrives in Europe, would set in motion a search for this missing link which he announced with such fanfare a couple of years ago and which, if it actually does exist, is the best kept secret in Europe today.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I think there is a very simple answer to that question, Mr. Speaker. The hon. member, who is a member of the opposition, must have been talking to opposition members over there who know nothing about their countries.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Hees: We in the opposition, when we go on visits of that kind, are democratic and speak to people in all parties, both government and opposition. We are not like the Prime Minister, who says that members of parliament are nothing when they are 50 yards from Parliament Hill.

I ask him this question: as it is now obvious that the contractual link has been stillborn, does the government not think it is entitled to a decent burial, along with that other

[Mr. Leggatt.]

figment of the Prime Minister's imagination, namely, wrestling inflation to the ground?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Trudeau: If the hon. member is actually looking for a link, he has not understood the nature of our policy. But if ever he wants to wrestle to the ground, we can give it a try, Mr. Speaker.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Hees: I have driven him out of the House, Mr. Speaker.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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LOTO CANADA**REPORTED WASTE IN CORPORATION—MINISTER'S ANSWERS OF YESTERDAY**

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the gambling minister responsible for our federal lotteries. Yesterday, when I called the minister the \$37 million woman so far as Loto Select costs were concerned, she replied she was only an \$800,000 woman, only to increase that figure later to undisclosed millions. She thereby confused, if not misled, the House as to the actual costs.

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Would the hon. member put his question.

Mr. Jelinek: Would the minister take the opportunity now to correct her statements of yesterday including, what is more important, the false impression she left that the provinces were consulted prior to these expenditures regarding Loto Select; and at the same time can she tell the House whether or not Loto Canada acted with the advice of the government on this matter?

Hon. Iona Campagnolo (Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport)): I thank the hon. member for his question regarding the figures. Those are the exact figures up to this time. The \$2 million to \$3 million that I mentioned as the resolution of the \$14 million original commitment is not an exact figure as yet. When it is, I will present it to the House. The hon. member will also recall that, as I said, the \$14 million figure given by the CBC was really a \$2 million to \$3 million figure.

As to the other question which the hon. gentleman asked me regarding consultation with the provinces, I want to make particularly clear what the exact history of this matter is, because shortly after I was given the responsibility for Loto Canada my first action was to set up communications with the provinces preparatory to a federal-provincial meeting to discuss just this matter. Such a meeting was convened in the late