

## ENERGY

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF DOME PETROLEUM BY AMOCO  
CANADA—POSSIBILITY OF OTHER BIDS

**Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton—The Sydneys):** My question is directed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. On at least one occasion, on April 24, officials from the Minister's Department met with officials of Amoco Canada, Dome Petroleum and Investment Canada, putting an end to the Minister's contention that no proposal has ever been made to the Government. The Minister has obviously seen the agreement. He says the President of Dome would welcome other bids. Does the agreement between Amoco Canada and Dome Petroleum allow for other bids to be made?

[Translation]

**Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I can only refer the Hon. Member to the statements made by the President of Dome Petroleum where the answer is yes.

[English]

## HUSKY OIL INTEREST—ROLE OF INVESTMENT CANADA

**Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton—The Sydneys):** Mr. Speaker, I would say that the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources is misleading the House.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Some Hon. Members:** Order!

**Mr. Foster:** He did not say deliberately.

**Mr. Speaker:** I am sure the Hon. Member does not mean that the Minister is intentionally misleading the House.

**Mr. MacLellan:** No, I certainly would not mean that, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. MacLellan:** The recently expressed interest of Husky Oil in Dome Petroleum once again indicates that there are other companies interested in bidding for Dome Petroleum. Will the Minister give us his assurance today that he will not allow Investment Canada to make a decision on the Amoco Canada bid until all bidders have had a reasonable time to make a bid for Dome Petroleum?

[Translation]

**Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, according to the explanations given by the President of Dome Petroleum, the company has made a commitment to Amoco that it would not seek other bids. But should Dome receive a bid deemed to be better than that, Amoco or the person responsible for Dome, the President, must be made aware of it.

[English]

With respect to the second part of the Hon. Member's question, after Dome has made a decision on the question of the one which made the best offer, Dome will introduce the

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proper request through Investment Canada. That is the place where the federal Government will make its judgment. But as long as Dome is in the private sector, it is not up to the federal Minister of Energy to take on behalf of Dome a decision which is not mine to take.

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## REFUGEES

## PROPOSED LEGISLATION—EFFECT OF PRE-HEARING PROCESS

**Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my question is about the new refugee policy and it is directed to the Minister of Employment and Immigration or to his Minister of State. Does the Minister believe that Canada will be living up to its international obligations to refugees when the legislation announced today promises to set up a pre-hearing process which will operate like a kangaroo court at the border, and which will concentrate on finding reasons to dump our refugee problems on other countries rather than on the legitimacy of a refugee claim?

**Hon. Gerry Weiner (Minister of State (Immigration)):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, it not only meets our convention obligations but it respects our Charter obligations.

**Mr. Cassidy:** I would tell the Minister that there is a great deal of dispute about that precise question.

## TREATMENT OF APPLICANTS ENTERING CANADA FROM UNITED STATES

**Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre):** If I can be specific, Mr. Speaker, the Minister is aware that large numbers of genuine refugees to Canada have been coming from Chile, Guatemala and El Salvador. Many have come to Canada after spending some time in the United States. Will the Minister confirm that these applicants, under the new process, can be turned back at the border and are forced to apply for refugee status in the United States, even though the acceptance rate is only 2 per cent compared to 50 per cent in Canada, and that if they are not accepted into the United States they may be deported back to face torture or death in their home countries when Canada should be accepting them here?

**Hon. Gerry Weiner (Minister of State (Immigration)):** Mr. Speaker, what I can assure the Hon. Member is that we will protect those in need. Every individual who comes here will get a chance to demonstrate that his personal life, limb, liberty or security is at risk. He will be able to do that in a very fair and open, non-adversarial manner. We will do everything we can to make sure that when he demonstrates that fear he will be landed.