

Oral Questions

demands upon the government in the fiscal framework, it has been decided not to make a further allocation available to the Local Initiatives Program for this winter.

[Translation]

Mr. Boisvert: Mr. Speaker, can the minister indicate whether there are political reasons behind the non priority classification of some projects, like six out of 17 day care centres in Montreal?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member will agree that his question, asked in those terms, is not in keeping with our Standing Orders and is therefore out of order. However, the hon. member may wish to rephrase his question.

Mr. Allard: Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a supplementary question.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Rimouski.

LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—DATE OF
ANNOUNCEMENT OF CERTAIN PROJECTS

Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the hon. Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

Is the minister prepared to advise the House of the date on which certain projects will be announced for the Quebec ridings where they have not yet been announced, while others for a number of ridings with Liberal MPs have already been announced on TV?

[English]

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I believe there are just as many projects for Liberals that are not announced as there are for members of other parties that have not been announced.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps we might return to the subject of the first question. I will see the hon. member for Don Valley after we have had a few supplementaries to the question asked originally by the Leader of the Opposition.

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ENERGY

OIL—METHOD OF DISPOSING OF PORTION OF EXPORT
TAX PROCEEDS TO BE USED FOR DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Could he clarify a bit further the form that the 50 per cent of the export tax to be used for investment in the producing provinces will take? Can he indicate whether the money will be appropriated to the national petroleum corporation that the government intends to set up or will it be given directly to the provincial government if it should come up with some kind of development project, or is it the intention to allocate the money to private industry if it indicates a desire to explore for or develop energy products of some sort?

[Mr. Andras.]

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, very likely it would be appropriated to the national petroleum corporation, although there might be other federal entities, for example, Eldorado Nuclear, which might have the benefit of this.

OIL EXPORT TAX—PORTION OF PROCEEDS TO BE PAID TO
PRODUCING PROVINCES

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Is it the intention of the government to see that the provinces that produce the oil resource will continue to receive any money obtained under any form of mechanism by the federal treasury wholly or in part under the proposed formula? What I am saying is this. As the world market for crude oil appears to be increasing in price, under any mechanism which applies to our exports of crude petroleum to the United States and other countries, if any, will the export tax or charge, being the amount representing the differential between the frozen price and the world price, payable to the federal government be paid to the province wholly or in part that produces the resources in question?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, if the hon. gentleman is specifically referring to the export charge, the manner of the division of that charge will, of course be subject to discussion at the federal-provincial conference. With regard to the export tax, as the hon. member will see from the motion, that will be available in the terms which I have described a number of times in the House.

REQUEST THAT OIL PROBLEMS NOT BE DEALT WITH
UNTIL FIRST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): In light of the fact there are many problems in reference to energy, particularly crude petroleum, one example being that Saskatchewan has set up a mechanism whereby it will take 100 per cent of the tax, which will of course cost the consumers of Ontario and other users of that crude petroleum a considerable amount more than if the oil had come from the province of Alberta, will the minister agree, because of these economic problems and the energy crisis as it exists due to transportation, that all these problems should be left to be worked out at the first ministers' conference so there will be uniformity across the board and equity and fairness to all provinces?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, with regard to the export tax, it seems to me that the policy is clear. I think parliament should go ahead and enact the authority to collect the tax and redistribute it as I indicated. With regard to the emergency allocation of supplies, this is something that should be dealt with at an early date in case of prejudice to consumers in the eastern part of the Canadian market that may occur.

Mr. Speaker: I see the hon. member for Don Valley, but perhaps I should have allowed the hon. member for