

Inquiries of the Ministry

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS**STEPS TO CONTROL RADIATION FROM MACHINES USED FOR TEACHING AND OTHER PURPOSES**

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, I would like to address a question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In view of the recent findings of dangerous amounts of radiation being given off by machines used for teaching and other purposes, what steps has the minister taken to stop or control the use of faulty machines and the purchase of cathode tubes?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps the minister might reply briefly to the question. I have the impression this is a question that ought normally be placed on the order paper. Of course, I do not wish to be unfair to the hon. member. The minister may want to reply briefly to the question.

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): I would not disagree with you, Mr. Speaker. I will take the question as notice and try to get an answer for the hon. member.

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NATIONAL PARKS**BANFF—REQUEST FOR FURTHER HEARINGS ON PROPOSED LAKE LOUISE PROJECT**

Mr. William Skoreyko (Edmonton East): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, I will direct my question to the Prime Minister. In view of the fact the hearings in Calgary last week in connection with the Lake Louise project were alleged to be totally inadequate for the number of people who wished to present briefs, will the Prime Minister consider rescheduling hearings with regard to the Lake Louise project in other areas of Alberta before a decision is made?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will have to look into the matter. I have not been following it. I will discuss it with the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

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TRADE**SUGGESTED TAX OR CREDIT INCENTIVES TO STIMULATE EXPORTS**

Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent-Essex): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of the fact the export figures for last year have now indicated that Canada's export performance not only lagged behind the growth of world trade generally but was indeed less than the average of the exports of the 14 leading industrial countries, is the minister prepared to initiate any new tax or credit incentives to increase our trade, and can we expect a statement in the House shortly?

[Mr. Trudeau.]

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): First, Mr. Speaker, I want to report that the first two months of 1972 have been very good, 11.4 per cent. As to the subject of taxes, that could be answered by the Minister of Finance. With regard to incentives, I am surprised the hon. member has not seen the number of communiqués which the department has issued with respect to what is being done in supporting financially bidding abroad by Canadian exporters, participation in fairs, in bringing buyers to Canada and so on. We are working very hard at it. I could refer, also, to the missions which have produced good results up to now—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Danforth: May I ask the minister whether he would forgo all the cosmetics and get down to the prime factor? Will he tell us whether or not there is difficulty in arriving at a comparative value as between the Canadian and the United States dollars, a difficulty which is holding up some of our exports and delaying settlement of the automobile trade agreement between Canada and the United States?

Mr. Pepin: I do not understand the last part of the question, Mr. Speaker. I am sorry.

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OIL**INQUIRY AS TO REVOKING OF DRILLING PERMITS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA COASTAL WATERS**

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Last week I asked the hon. gentleman for certain information with regard to the granting of oil exploration permits to Petrotar Development Limited of Calgary covering some 2.7 million acres of coastal waters in British Columbia. The minister promised to look into that situation. If I may particularize, I have in mind the 1.4 million acres in Hecate Strait and Queen Charlotte Sound and the 1.3 million acres west and northwest of Vancouver. Were these permits granted and, if so, have they now been revoked?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): I do not happen to have the actual geographical co-ordinates in connection with the permits. I can confirm that there are permits outstanding to Petrotar. My understanding is that in general terms they relate to the Queen Charlotte Sound area. I undertook to get more detailed information for the hon. gentleman's examination. While there is a great deal of technical detail on this sheet, there is perhaps not sufficient to satisfy him and I have asked the department to get more.

My colleague, the Minister of the Environment, made a statement on the coast this week with my concurrence indicating that we are in the process of developing zoning areas for the purpose of determining environmental areas not only on the west coast but on the east coast. This will be of guidance, in due course, in determining the continuation of either seismic operations or ultimately drilling operations. At the moment I cannot give exact details