

Oral Questions

[Translation]

MANPOWER

SHORTAGE OF FARM WORKERS AND JOBS FOR STUDENTS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to seek the unanimous consent of the House to discuss a matter of an undoubtedly urgent and pressing necessity. It refers on one hand to penniless students and, on the other, to the shortage of agricultural manpower.

I move, seconded by the member for Rimouski (Mr. Allard):

That a special committee of the House be asked to study the shortage of agricultural manpower as well as employment available to students and to report to the House, in order that the Department of Manpower and Immigration may have up to the spring of 1974 to draw up a program which would provide at least a partial solution to those problems and which would be implemented as soon as the spring of 1974 so that for once, the government would be introducing a timely and appropriate program.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there such consent?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent, so the motion cannot be put.

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[English]

ENERGY

REPRESENTATIONS TO UNITED STATES RESPECTING PROPOSED MOVEMENT OF OIL BY SUPERTANKER TO CHERRY POINT AND ALTERNATIVE CANADIAN SUPPLY

Mr. John A. Fraser (Vancouver South): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the right hon. Prime Minister. In view of the fact that since July the government has utterly failed to make any proposal to the United States guaranteeing Canadian oil to Puget Sound refineries in order to end tanker traffic in those waters and in view of the brave words of the Secretary of State for External Affairs in July that we have just begun to fight—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps the hon. member should ask the question. I remind hon. members immediately at the beginning of the question period that it is the responsibility of hon. members to ask questions without prefacing them with statements, preambles or allegations.

Mr. Fraser: Can the Prime Minister advise the House why no official communications have been made to the United States setting forth a specific proposal when everyone in the House has known that such communication is

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imperative in view of the legislation now before the U.S. Congress?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the views of the Canadian government on this subject are well known to the United States.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

An hon. Member: Explain.

Mr. Sharp: They have been announced in the House of Commons, and I can think of no more authoritative a place in which to state government policy. Moreover, I have had occasion to remind the United States of the Canadian position. As the hon. member knows, the Alaska pipeline will not be completed for some years, so it is not a matter that has to be settled today or tomorrow. I do intend, when I meet the Secretary of State of the United States in New York next week, to remind him of the Canadian position.

Mr. Fraser: In view of U.S. Secretary Morton's letter to the house interior committee setting out the administration's opposition to additional Canadian oil to Puget Sound and because the key clause in the U.S. legislation being studied calls for U.S.-Canadian negotiation on this very point, does the government intend to do nothing until the meeting to which the minister has just referred or the meeting about which the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources told us a few days ago which will take place some weeks from now between the minister and Governor Love?

Mr. Sharp: Provided that the appointment of the Secretary of State is confirmed by the Senate, I expect to see him on Tuesday morning at nine o'clock.

Mr. Fraser: Mr. Speaker, in view of the Prime Minister's statement on Tuesday last that it is government policy to propose Canadian oil to Puget Sound to end tanker traffic there, can the right hon. Prime Minister assure the House that he will forthwith make a statement on motions setting out in detail the Canadian proposal and give the House an assurance that such proposal will be immediately communicated to the United States government, because nobody believes any longer that the government cares what happens on the west coast?

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

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

CHILE—RECOMMENDATION BY CHURCH LEADERS THAT RECOGNITION OF NEW MILITARY REGIME BE WITHHELD—ASYLUM FOR REFUGEES

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the joint statement of the moderator of the United Church, the primate of the Anglican Church, and Bishop Power of the Canadian Catholic Conference dealing with the overthrow of the democratically