

FINANCE

GOVERNMENT POSITION ON CONTROL OF EXPORT OF CAPITAL

Mr. John Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is for the Minister of Finance. In view of the fact that the International Monetary Fund has refused further assistance to the Chilean junta because of their mismanagement of the economy, is the minister prepared to bring legislation before this House to control the export of capital from Canada?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I think I can say without qualification that such legislation in effect would impose exchange control and would not be in the best interests of the Canadian economy. I have no such proposal to put forward.

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AIRPORTS

DATE OF DECISION ON FACILITIES FOR NORTHWESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK

Mr. Eymard Corbin (Madawaska-Victoria): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact that there are no apparent environmental problems, that sand and gravel is available and there is a need for employment opportunities, can the minister inform the House if he will arrive at an early decision with respect to a much needed airport facility in northwestern New Brunswick?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): I hope to be able to do so, Mr. Speaker. I certainly recognize the strength of need for an airport in that particular region thanks to the hon. member's many representations. I am also delighted to know there are some places left in Canada where we can build airports.

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INDUSTRY

DATE OF PUBLICATION OF SHARWOOD REPORT ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES

Mr. Bill Kempling (Halton-Wentworth): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce if he will be tabling the Sharwood report dealing with industrial research and development incentives in the very near future?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I am not in a position today to give an answer to the hon. member. However, I shall inquire and report personally to him.

Oral Questions

[English]

TRANSPORT

PROPOSED TOLL INCREASES ON ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY—STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH UNITED STATES

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Has the minister or his department had any contact or negotiations with his counterpart in the United States, presumably in Washington, over his idea or suggestion that there should be a toll increase on the St. Lawrence seaway? The minister indicated that he thought he would be in touch after the presidential election. That is now over. I ask, what is the status of the negotiations?

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Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I do not believe there would have been any further contact in the interval since then. Before then there had been official discussions in a preliminary way. Of course, I shall be interested in following up those discussions as soon as it seems sensible to do so.

Mr. Murta: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. There is every indication that the Americans will not go along with the type of suggestion the Minister of Transport has put forward. If that happens does the minister intend unilaterally to impose increases on the St. Lawrence Seaway for the 1977 year?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I would not want to reflect on that hypothesis at this time.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

CRITERIA USED IN DECIDING ON BASE CLOSURES—REQUEST FOR EARLY DECISION ON BASE AT LONDON, ONTARIO

Mr. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Acting Minister of National Defence. One month ago the Minister of National Defence said, concerning base closures, that the problem was before him and he was dealing with it now and an announcement would be made in the very near future. Can the acting minister inform the House if any progress has been made and will the government inform the House what criteria they use to make these decisions? Are they made on financial, political or military criteria?

Mr. Maurice A. Dionne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows the Minister of National Defence this week is in London attending the meeting of the nuclear planning group. He has not had opportunity in the short time since his appointment to deal in detail with the complex review the hon. member raised in his question. However, I can tell the hon. member that all the factors he mentioned will be taken into account in the structure review of the armed forces.