

*Adjournment Debate*

as it might receive for such studies should not be construed as implying that eventual Government approval of Stokes Point or any other north slope location is assured.

● (1830)

Gulf has indicated its intention to apply this week to the Department for the land use permit which it requires in order to construct facilities at Stokes Point. No such authorization will be provided until a decision has been reached, both on the need for a new facility and on an appropriate site based on the study I referred to earlier.

Before reaching a decision on a site or on the conditions which could govern the development of any chosen site, we will be consulting the territorial Governments and appropriate local communities and native groups. Department officials

have already indicated to interested Parties that the result of the studies will be made public.

In conclusion, the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development is responsible for assessing proposals put forward by companies legitimately engaged in exploration activity in accordance with the law. Such assessments are, of course, conducted without prejudice to existing commitments and without anticipating their possible conclusions. In short, no decision has been made; no decision will be made unless and until all factors and interests have been taken into account.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

At 6.32 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.