

Oral Questions

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Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Madam Speaker, I will have to examine the particulars of what the hon. member is talking about, because certainly in talking to representatives of Indian communities fairly extensively in the last month or so, I have found that there is an acknowledgement that funds are being released in accordance with allocations for the number of homes on each reserve. The Indians are in receipt of the money. The housing is going up. If the hon. member has a particular reference to where this is not the case, I would be more than pleased to examine it with him.

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RAILWAYS

NOISE FROM CN HUMP YARD IN EDMONTON

Hon. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton North): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. Having regard to the many squeals and shrieks caused by the shunting of railway cars, which are upsetting the health of the worthy citizens of Edmonton North—I have written the minister a letter in this regard, and I am quite sure he is aware of the matter—can the minister tell us whether he is planning to move the CN hump yard or what he is planning to do about the noise between 87th Street and 97th Street and 127th Avenue?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport): Madam Speaker, I am aware in detail of, and very much acquainted with, a number of relocations taking place in Canada at this time. There is one in Regina, for example, and there are others elsewhere. I am not very well acquainted with this one. May I beg for a meeting with the hon. member immediately after the question period so that he can give me all the information?

OTTAWA CENTRE FREIGHT TRAINS

Hon. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton North): Madam Speaker, I have one short supplementary question. Ottawa Centre is not my constituency. Ottawa Centre does not have a hump yard, but freight trains go through the constituency between two o'clock and three o'clock in the morning. I wonder if there is any way by which the minister can see that the trains go through the riding during regular hours, such as between eleven o'clock in the morning and five o'clock in the afternoon.

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport): Madam Speaker, we will do our best to accommodate the hon. member's sleep when he is in this area.

PETITIONS

MR. SKELLY—USE OF UREA FORMALDEHYDE FOAM INSULATION

Madam Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has laid upon the Table the fifty-second report of the Clerk of Petitions stating that he has examined the petition presented by the hon. member for Comox-Powell River (Mr. Skelly) and finds that it meets the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

VOTING ON AMENDMENTS TO EXCISE TAX ACT AND THE EXCISE ACT, BILL C-57

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, after consultations with my colleagues on both sides there is an agreement that, notwithstanding any Standing Order or other order of this House, if the government business called on June 18, 1981, is Bill C-57—and at this time it is our intention to call that bill tomorrow—to amend the Excise Tax Act and the Excise Act and to provide for a revenue tax in respect of petroleum and gas, no private members' business shall be taken up on that day and, at 9 p.m. on that day, proceedings then under consideration shall be interrupted and the yeas and nays shall be called on all questions necessary to dispose of the report stage of Bill C-57, to amend the Excise Tax Act and the Excise Act and to provide for a revenue tax in respect of petroleum and gas; and if any division is demanded on any such question, the bells shall be rung for not more than 15 minutes and shall be dispensed with on any divisions required thereafter.

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Madam Speaker, it is my understanding that this order is there on the basis that it is in fact the intention of the government to call Bill C-57. The government House leader is nodding his agreement, and in that case this is in accordance with our discussion and is in order.

Mr. Knowles: Yes, Madam Speaker, we also agree.

Madam Speaker: Does the House agree to the proposed order?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: So ordered.