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## MINES AND MINING

## MARKET POTENTIAL FOR LITHIUM

**Hon. Jake Epp (Provencher):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Mines I will direct my question to the Deputy Prime Minister, and it relates to jobs in the mining industry. We have a tantalum mine at Bernic Lake in the Lac du Bonnet area of Manitoba, a byproduct of which is lithium. There is now a market for lithium, especially in ceramics in the French market. The only competition is from the United States and Zimbabwe. There has been an application to the federal Government for an experimental project to see whether Canada could get into this market. This would result in the hiring of a number of people now unemployed because of the situation in the mining industry. Could the Minister find out what the federal Government's response is to that initiative?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Acting Prime Minister and Minister of External Relations):** Mr. Speaker, this is not a subject I was exposed to in recent times, and my hon. friend understands that. But it is an interesting one, and I will research it thoroughly as soon as I can.

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## PETITIONS

## TABLING OF REPORT OF CLERK OF PETITIONS

**Mr. Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the House that the petition presented by the Hon. Member for Vaudreuil (Mr. Herbert), by filing with the Clerk of the House on Thursday, January 26, 1984, meets the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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## POINT OF ORDER

## MR. TAYLOR—S.O. 21 STATEMENT

**Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order for information purposes. When you stopped me in the middle of my remarks under Standing Order 21, you said something about an attack. I was simply making a criticism, which is done every day in this House. Does this mean we are no longer able to criticize the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) for things that he has done?

**Mr. Speaker:** When Standing Order 21 was adopted as a substitute for Standing Order 43, guidelines were prepared for the Chair. They were circulated to all Hon. Members and they included the following.

The use of this opportunity will be regulated by the discretion of the Chair and Members will be expected to observe certain guidelines. The opportunity is not intended to be used for making personal attacks, conveying congratulatory mes-

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sages, reciting poetry or for anything other than serious purposes.

I do not wish to suggest the Hon. Member was not serious, but the Chair would have considerable misgivings if Standing Order 21 meant rude attacks on both the Leader of Opposition, the Leader of the Government or the Leader of the NDP.

**Mr. Nielsen:** All Members.

**Mr. Speaker:** The nature of the presentation obviously calls for a judgment, and in the judgment of the Chair this was a personal attack, not an attack relating to a Member's capacity, office or things that were done. Knowing this is Parliament, a place where opinions are expressed and people are not always polite to each other, the Chair invites Hon. Members to observe the rule of falling short of personal attacks on Members of this or the other place.

**Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Speaker, I wonder if you would mind reading the "blues" because I had no intention of making a personal attack. It was a criticism but not a personal attack. There is nothing personal about it. I think if you read the "blues" you will see that is so.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Chair paid very careful attention and there was a reference to someone being divine and so on. That comes very close to being a personal attack.

**Mr. Nielsen:** You mean he is not?

**Mr. Pepin:** Taylor believes he is divine.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

## IRON ORE COMPANY OF CANADA

## TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Finance):** Further to a request made by the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) last Tuesday, and pursuant to Standing Order 46.2, I wish to table, in both official languages, correspondence exchanged by the President of the Iron Ore Company and the Minister of Finance and his Department between January 19, 1982 and January 25, 1983.

[English]

**Hon. Erik Nielsen (Yukon):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde) whether the documents, which I have not yet seen of course, constitute the entire package of correspondence he was referring to earlier this week? Has all of it been tabled?