Oil Export Charge Act ENERGY

OIL PIPELINE EXTENSION—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. John Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent necessity. In view of the Prime Minister's announcement on Thursday of last week that the oil pipeline will be extended to Montreal, and in view of the great potential for industrial development in Northern Ontario if such a pipeline were built through that region, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie (Mr. Symes):

That this House recommends to the government the building of the extension of the Montreal pipeline through Northern Ontario.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity. Introduction of bills. First reading of Senate public bills. Government notices of motions. Oral question period. Is the Minister of Finance rising on a point of order?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, did Your Honour call introduction of bills?

Mr. Speaker: I did, quite some time ago. Is it the wish of hon, members that we return to that item?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, just to indicate how anxious we are to co-operate with the government even when it makes mistakes, we would be very pleased to revert to the order for the introduction of bills.

OIL EXPORT CHARGE ACT

PROVISION OF EXPORT CHARGE, OIL EXPORT TAX UNDER EXCISE ACT AND ALLOCATION OF REVENUES FROM TAX

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-245, to impose a charge on the export of crude oil from Canada, to impose an oil export tax under the Excise Act and to allocate certain of the revenues derived from the oil export tax.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

[Mr. Speaker.]

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ENERGY

DOMESTIC OIL PRICING—STAGING IN OF INCREASES
NEXT YEAR—MINISTER'S POSITION ON DISCUSSION WITH
SASKATCHEWAN PREMIER BEFORE FIRST MINISTER'S
CONFERENCE

Mr. Sinclair Stevens (York-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, and I will give him an opportunity to return to his seat. I should like to ask the minister if he is now prepared to hold consultations with the premier of Saskatchewan with a view to resolving any differences between the two levels of government on domestic oil pricing arrangements before the first ministers' conference next month and in particular, has the minister undertaken to seek out the views of the province of Saskatchewan toward staging in oil price increases next year?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I have had the opportunity of talking to the premier and I suggested to him that in advance of the federal-provincial conference it might be desirable to postpone the application date of his new legislation at least until February 1. He took that under advisement.

INCREASE IN CRUDE OIL PRICE PROPOSED BY SASKATCHEWAN—REQUEST THAT PRIME MINISTER PERSONALLY INTERVENE WITH PREMIER

Mr. Sinclair Stevens (York-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the comment of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources that the question is under advisement concerning the proposed increase in the price of crude oil in Saskatchewan, and bearing in mind that such an increase might result in an extra cost of \$100 million to the consumers of Canada, will the Prime Minister personally intervene with the premier of Saskatchewan on this matter?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am not quite sure in what sense the suggestion is constructive. I know it is understood that we are going to discuss this matter at the January conference of first ministers. The principle on which the government is going to proceed was put before the House in my statement last week, and we will discuss on this basis with all the premiers. I imagine there will be some consultation in advance, but I see no purpose at this stage in talking personally to Premier Blakeney.

STUDY OF IMPACT OF PROPOSED INCREASE BY SASKATCHEWAN IN CRUDE OIL PRICE

Mr. Sinclair Stevens (York-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a further supplementary to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Has his department completed or do they have under way any study of what in fact will be the impact on the consuming public and