

the government to bring forward immediately amendments to the Criminal Code in reference to and along the lines of the suggested agreement which covers, of course, hijacking?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I will take notice of the question on behalf of the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, I would ask the Prime Minister whether he has made any suggestions as a matter of policy in this regard to the Department of Justice, and is that the reason a bill with reference to hijacking has not been brought forward this session?

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRST INDIAN MUNICIPALITY AT CAPE MUDGE—DEPARTMENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Can he indicate whether he or his department was involved in the negotiations that paved the way for the establishment of Canada's first Indian municipality at Cape Mudge, British Columbia? If there was any involvement, in what way was it done?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, we always give consideration to new measures approved by the Indians and I must say that we have had many consultations with the Minister of Municipal Affairs of British Columbia in order to solve the Cape Mudge problem. I am happy to note that a solution has been found. As it was impossible to amend the Indian Act, the provincial government has decided to amend the Municipal Code of British Columbia.

[English]

Mr. Yewchuk: Mr. Speaker, does the minister consider this step of establishing a municipality as implementation in part of the white paper proposals? Can the minister give the assurance that the federal government will continue to discharge all its responsibilities in respect of funds, services and programs for the Indian people or will these responsibilities be transferred to the provincial government in some way?

[Translation]

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, the solution co-ordinates the responsibilities of the federal government and allows the Indians of British Columbia, especially those of Cape Mudge, to take advantage of provincial services since they are citizens of British Columbia.

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[English]

NATURAL RESOURCES

PROPOSAL FROM FIVE EASTERN PROVINCES RESPECTING OFFSHORE MINERAL RIGHTS

Mr. Ambrose Hubert Peddle (Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Has the Prime Minister received a joint proposal from the five eastern provinces regarding offshore mineral ownership? If so, what response has he made to this proposal?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker, I have not received such a response, barring it having arrived in the last few hours. As recently as a few days ago I looked into this matter and there was no response from the collective five provinces, as the member asked. Indeed, I said last week, I believe, that the federal government was still waiting for an answer from many provinces on the proposals it made more than two years ago.

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. Will the Prime Minister not agree that in fact the five provinces concerned have always had a common position with regard to offshore mineral rights.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Greenwood.

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STATUS OF WOMEN

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION FOR NATIONAL DAY CARE ACT—CONSULTATION WITH PROVINCES

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, I just mislaid my glasses.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member is recognized for the purpose of asking a question.

Mr. Brewin: Mr. Speaker, I should like to address my question to the Minister without Portfolio who has been assigned responsibility for co-ordinating the proposals of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women. In view of the central importance assigned by the report to the provision of day care centres, has the minister consulted or will he consult with the provinces with a view to adopting a national day care act as recommended by the commission?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, I think somebody across the aisle answered that. It is a good question. As with all the other recommendations we will give it very serious consideration, but I make no comment at this stage.