

ENERGY

SYNCRUDE PROJECT—APPLICABLE EMISSION STANDARD FOR PLANT

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources? In view of the fact that the governments and the companies participating in the Syncrude agreement have overcome one hurdle in respect of the rate of return for the pipeline and utility plant built by the government of Alberta and since this brings us one step closer to a final agreement, does the government intend to insist that there be inserted in the final agreement a provision for a standard of emission—which at the present time is projected at 287 long tons per day—and insist that the 40 tons per day recommended by the Department of the Environment be enforced in an agreement with Syncrude?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): No, Mr. Speaker.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

MINISTER'S VIEW OF EMISSION STANDARDS FOR SYNCRUDE PLANT

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question. Since the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources does not seem to be at all interested in the health and welfare of the people who live in that area may I direct my supplementary question to the Minister of the Environment who on January 29 at page 10425 of *Hansard* in answer to a question from the leader of this party said:

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Mr. Speaker, I can assure the hon. gentleman that I will insist on having this present emission reduced.

Answering a supplementary question, the minister said in part:

I think what the hon. member suggests is something the department of energy is ready to do.

Since the minister indicated that the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources is not prepared to insist on emission standards for sulphur dioxide, does he intend to fulfil the commitment he gave the House on January 29 and insist on emission standards much lower than the 287 long tons per day envisaged by Syncrude?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, I shall stick to the commitment I made previously. We are insisting on the reduction of sulphur dioxide emissions in the air at Syncrude and trying to convince the government of Alberta as well as the Syncrude company. I know the hon. gentleman knows that I have no legal power to compel the company or the government of Alberta to do this.

Mr. Broadbent: But you are the minister.

Oral Questions

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. What figure has the minister in mind for emission standards? Also, since the government is represented on the management committee, will the minister use his good offices to persuade the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources to insist that figures the Minister of Environment thinks are reasonable for emission standards will be inserted in the Syncrude agreement?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, not only is the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources interested in this; the Alberta government also has an interest in, and power to establish, emission standards at Syncrude. I am ready to talk to my colleague. I hope that somebody on the other side of the House will talk to the government of Alberta and convince it to act.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

LOCKHEED CONTRACT—POSSIBILITY OF REPRESENTATIONS FROM REISMAN AND GRANDY

Mr. Allan Lawrence (Northumberland-Durham): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of National Defence having entered the House, may I ask him if, in the course of current negotiations concerning the Lockheed contract, he, the Minister of Supply and Services, any member of their departments, or departmental agencies received representations, directly or indirectly, on behalf of Lockheed from the consulting firm, Reisman and Grandy Limited?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): Not to my knowledge Mr. Speaker.

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GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

POSSIBILITY MR. GRANDY HAD CONSULTING CONTRACT WITH PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE OR OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY

Mr. Allan Lawrence (Northumberland-Durham): Mr. Speaker, as the Prime Minister is present may I direct my supplementary question to him? Has Mr. Grandy, of the consulting firm of Reisman and Grandy Limited, worked on a consulting contract for the Prime Minister's office or any other central agency of the federal government since this consulting firm went to work for Lockheed limited? If so, when was that contract terminated or completed?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, this is the first time the matter has been drawn to my attention. I shall certainly look into it.