

*Oral Questions*

account the needs of eastern Canada and the calculations as to what we are able to export will be wrong, will the minister take a look at this situation with a view to discontinuing all export of oil from Canada until we are assured of supplies for eastern Canada?

**Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I will be happy to look at the situation and consult with my colleague, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.

**Mr. Peter C. Bawden (Calgary South):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my supplementary question to the Prime Minister. It is clear that eastern Canada will be threatened in the event of a disruption of oil deliveries from overseas sources. I wish to ask the Prime Minister what contingency plans the government has, even in a general way, or what approach the government is taking in its thinking regarding this problem. Also, when will we finally get a definitive answer to this question, considering the importance of oil supply and energy to eastern Canada and the fact that, in any event, western delivery systems could not supply this market at the present time?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, it is nice to hear a member from Calgary show such interest in eastern Canada. I thank him very much. I think my best answer would be to refer him to the discussions that the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources was referring to the other day. Exchanges have been going on with the United States on the problem of supply to eastern Canada and there have been similar conversations with the OECD countries.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Chair will recognize the Leader of the Opposition for a supplementary.

[Translation]

Then I will recognize the hon. member for Portneuf and we will return later to supplementaries on that subject.

[English]

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I ask the Prime Minister very earnestly whether, in light of the proposed restrictions upon the export of oil from our Canadian west to the United States, he is able to assure us that there may not be an interruption in the supply of oil to eastern Canada?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, I can only give the assurance that the minister has been engaged in talks with the United States and European countries to make this assurance possible. I cannot, of course, engage the government on the conduct of other countries.

**Mr. Speaker:** As I said a moment ago, the Chair will recognize the hon. member for Portneuf and then return to the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands, the hon. member for Calgary South and others for supplementaries.

[Translation]

**Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister.

**Mr. Speaker:** I apologize to the hon. member, but—

[Mr. Saltzman.]

[English]

The hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands is rising on a point of order.

**Mr. Douglas:** Mr. Speaker, it has been customary to recognize each party in order for a first question. There has been no first question from this party. Mine is not a supplementary question. No question has been asked yet on behalf of this party.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Chair has recognized the hon. member for Portneuf. As I said, I will return to the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands in a moment.

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[Translation]

### HOUSING

#### NEUFCHATEL, QUEBEC—MEASURES TO COMPENSATE OWNERS OF BADLY CONSTRUCTED HOUSE—REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

**Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Prime Minister.

Has he read the telegram sent to him by a group of citizens from Neufchatel, in Quebec, advising him of their dissatisfaction with the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation over recently built substandard houses? If so, can he tell us what steps he intends to take with regard to this serious problem?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, unfortunately I have not read the telegram mentioned by the hon. member but I shall check with my office to see, if, in fact, I received it before the hon. member.

**Mr. Godin:** Mr. Speaker, as the government has granted a certain amount of money to the Indians towards the cost of their expenses with regard to their James Bay claims can the people who are currently at odds with the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and bad contractors expect to receive some financial assistance?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, perhaps I am being asked for a legal opinion, but if my memory serves me right in my time the code of civil procedure allowed the poor to plead *in forma pauperis* before the courts.

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[English]

### ENERGY

#### PROPOSED WEST COAST OIL TANKER ROUTE—GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIONS—EXPRESSION OF OPPOSITION BY HOUSE—POLLUTION CONTROL LEGISLATION

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister arising out of the announcement by President Nixon that he will seek legislative authority to proceed with the trans-Alaska pipeline project. In view of the fact the Premier of British Columbia has advised the Prime Minister that he is seeking a meeting with either President