

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

FRASER VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL—SUGGESTED EARLY ACTION ON REQUEST FOR FUNDS

Mr. Bob Wenman (Fraser Valley West): In view of the statement of the Minister of the Environment in the House that the request for funds for the Fraser Valley flood control program is before Treasury Board, and in view of the urgency of the request because of current and potential further spring flooding in the Fraser Valley, could the President of the Treasury Board assure the House that priority will be given to making a decision on the request before it. Could the minister advise us when a decision might be forthcoming? Has this request been dealt with and, if not, will the minister assure the House that priority will be given in making a decision and will he advise us when such a decision might be forthcoming.

• (1140)

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, of course, if we were faced with an urgent problem and the Minister of the Environment asked me to examine a recommendation with my colleagues of the Treasury Board, I would do so as soon as possible. Naturally, I would like the hon. member to note at the same time that he might perhaps inform the leader of the opposition that he calls on the government to spend a little more money.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

POSSIBILITY OF MEASURE TO REPLACE WAR MEASURES ACT—DATE OF INTRODUCTION

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Solicitor General. Because of the fact that earlier this week the Minister of Justice was unable or perhaps unwilling to confirm the minister's own statement suggesting that new legislation is being considered for security reasons for the Olympics for the purpose of replacing the War Measures Act, in the absence of the Minister of Justice could the Solicitor General advise this House whether or not such legislation is in fact being drafted and, if so, for what purpose and when can we expect it to be introduced.

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, that legislation is under the responsibility of the Minister of Justice. It is my understanding that some of it is being drafted but I cannot give the hon. member further details.

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NATIONAL PARKS

ST. LAWRENCE ISLANDS—MINISTER'S MEETING WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS—POSSIBILITY OF EXPROPRIATION—CONSULTATION WITH PROVINCE

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I have a question and hopefully a short supplementary for the Minister of

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Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Has he agreed to meet with the residents of the St. Lawrence islands parks region to discuss their many objections to the government's park expansion plan and when and can he guarantee there will be no expropriation of private property.

Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I am looking at the book. Sometime next week, I believe on Thursday or Friday, I will be meeting representatives of the region. The question of expropriation presumably will be discussed. I have already said we hope there will be no expropriation, but if there is it will be in very limited key areas. We hope we will be able to get whatever properties are required on a voluntary basis. To date, some 20 people have come forward and offered their properties.

Mr. Cossitt: Mr. Speaker, can the minister advise the House the reason an official of Parks Canada, Mr. Christakus stated publicly to the residents in the area at a public meeting that the minister had conferred with his provincial counterpart before this expansion plan was announced because subsequently at least two provincial cabinet ministers have denied that any such meetings took place. Could the minister tell us if, indeed, he did confer with his provincial counterpart.

Mr. Buchanan: Mr. Speaker, I will have to check back. I do not think I did, but I believe there were discussions at the official level concerning the park.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM—POSSIBILITY SELF-EMPLOYED MAY DEFEAT GUIDELINES BY BORROWING FROM THEIR COMPANY

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Finance, I should like to direct my question to the Prime Minister. Can he comment on recent reports that self-employed businessmen may be able to get around the pay increase guidelines by lending themselves money out of the company treasury at low interest rates and generous pay-back provisions. Is this something to which the government would object and, if so, can he say whether the government intends to plug this particular loophole?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): This is the first I have heard of it, Mr. Speaker. I will be glad to draw it to the attention of the Minister of Finance and find out if there are regulations to prevent this happening.

ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM—INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY MAY PERMIT INCREASES IN INCOME GREATER THAN GUIDELINES

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, it is generally acknowledged that as an economy begins to come out of a recession, productivity as we measure it, begins to go up. Mr. Donald Edwards, director general of the compensation branch of the Anti-Inflation Board has indicated that the board might—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Does the hon. member have a supplementary question?