

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for St. John's East on a supplementary.

LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—CONSULTATION WITH PROVINCES ON EXTENSION

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary. In view of the fact that a number of provinces have had to supplement LIP programs in order to ensure their completion or by providing additional services, may I ask the minister if there has been any consultation with the provinces on the existing program or on the program which he announced today?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, there has been no consultation with the provinces on the concept of providing additional funds. A week or so ago, I mentioned that I would be extending certain projects at the request of many of the provinces and many municipalities, projects that began late because of climatic or other reasons, until at least the middle of June. These programs to which I have referred are temporary in nature, and the provinces are aware of them. If there are any particular projects that the provinces would refuse permission to extend on constitutional grounds, then I would have to respect the views of the provinces.

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GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

RECENT APPOINTMENT OF SCOTSMAN TO JOB IN CAPE BRETON—SUGGESTED REPLACEMENT BY CANADIAN

**Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Having in mind the 29 to 31 per cent rate of unemployment in Cape Breton and the action of AECL in not advertising a position and hiring a man without experience from Scotland, will the minister take steps to correct the situation and assure the House that the government's first concern is for the Canadian unemployed?

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I would have to make a further inquiry into this. I would have to acknowledge an hereditary bias toward hiring people from Scotland, but not over people from Nova Scotia.

**Mr. MacInnis:** Question. When the minister makes the inquiry I can assure him that he will get the exact answer I have mentioned here. Will the minister assure the House that he will take steps to ensure that this position will be reopened and made available to the many Canadians who are qualified?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, not knowing the exact details and AECL of course being autonomous in terms of administration I would not like to upset that particular custom.

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

TRANSPORT

PROPOSED LINKING OF KOOTENAY AND ELK RAILWAY TO U.S. LINE—REQUEST FOR ACTION TO PREVENT MOVEMENT OF COAL TO U.S. PORTS

**Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Revenue. In view of the statement made in the judgment handed down by Mr. Justice Hall in the case of the Kootenay and Elk Railway Company and the Burlington-Northern versus the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to the effect that: the whole scheme would appear to be a classic case of a foreign conglomerate in concert with related Canadian companies so manipulating the enterprise that the export of Canadian jobs would be the result—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. We are running short of time and the hon. member will have noticed that a number of his colleagues to his right and in front are anxious to ask questions. The hon. member should not make a speech.

**Mr. Skoberg:** Mr. Speaker, I had to preface my question so that you would understand what it was. May I ask the Minister of National Revenue if any action is being taken to review that decision in order to stop the movement of that coal and other resources to possible U.S. coast ports?

**Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, I have not had a chance to review the court decision in question. I will be happy to do so and see if it raises any implications for matters under the jurisdiction of the Department of National Revenue.

PROPOSED LINKING OF KOOTENAY AND ELK RAILWAY TO U.S. LINE—SUGGESTED SURVEY TO DETERMINE LOSS TO ECONOMY IF CONSTRUCTED

**Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West):** I have a supplementary for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, Mr. Speaker. In view of the serious threat to Canadian jobs and to the economy in general if the Kootenay and Elk Railway is built to syphon off a large portion of the coal for haulage by United States railways, will the minister have his department conduct an immediate survey to indicate the loss to the economy which would result if such a line were built?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** I will see what I can do.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION—REPORTED AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND SOVIET UNION—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

**Mr. Murray McBride (Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, my question is on a subject of vital international importance and I would direct it to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

**Some hon. Members:** Author, author!