

GRAIN

SUGGESTED ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL
TERMINAL ELEVATORS AT PRINCE RUPERT TO RELIEVE
PRESSURE ON EXISTING EXPORT FACILITIES

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, my question is supplementary to those asked with respect to the movement of grain. In the absence of the minister in charge of the Wheat Board and of the Minister of Finance may I ask the right hon. Prime Minister whether he will raise with those two gentlemen and others in the cabinet the question of providing funds for the establishment of additional terminal elevator facilities at Prince Rupert in order that that port could be used to alleviate the pressure on the export of grain through other ports?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will take notice of the question on behalf of the ministers.

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AIR TRANSPORT

POSITION OF DISCUSSIONS WITH UNITED STATES ON
EXTENSION OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Could the minister give a progress report to the House on the status of the discussions with the United States on the extension of the bilateral air agreements, particularly as they affect western Canada?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Briefly, Mr. Speaker, the last round of negotiations took place a few months ago in Washington. It is normal that the next round would occur in Ottawa. We have indicated to the appropriate authorities in the United States that we are prepared to proceed at any time. The decision as to when the talks will continue is entirely one for the United States as of this moment.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): Is there any indication of when that might be?

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POLLUTION

GREAT LAKES—UNITED STATES VETO OF SEWAGE
DISPOSAL PROJECTS—EFFECT ON JOINT PROGRAM

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of the Environment. In view of the recent report that the proposed \$138 million anti-pollution program for an accelerated clean-up of the Great Lakes has been vetoed by the Nixon administration, I wish to ask the minister what effect this will have on the joint Canada-U.S. program to deal with this problem?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment): My expectation, Mr. Speaker, is that the joint program, which

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in principle has been agreed upon between Canada and the United States, will be put into effect.

Mr. Harding: Has the minister made any representations protesting the continuing delay, especially by the United States government, in making a meaningful start on this major international pollution problem, and will the target date of 1975 for meeting certain standards have to be revised?

Mr. Davis: I hope not, Mr. Speaker.

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INDUSTRY

DOMINION AVIATION—POSSIBLE REFUSAL OF GRANT
FOR DEVELOPMENT OF STOL AIRCRAFT—REQUEST FOR
STATEMENT

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the hon. member for Peace River asked if a company called Dominion Aviation had requested assistance through certain development funds from my department. The answer is yes. Back in November they asked for support under the general adjustment assistance program. It was found that they were not eligible, not having any manufacturing capacity in Canada. However, as recently as March the company came back to discuss the possibility of assistance under the PAIT program, and this is still being considered now.

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): As a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, in light of the fact that the lion's share of assistance for the aviation industry has been largely granted in central Canada, to Canadair and de Havilland, and as this company might very well lose its identity to an American corporation, will the minister look seriously at the application of this company in order that it may be preserved for Canadian industry?

Mr. Pepin: We always do that, Mr. Speaker.

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TRADE

PENDING ENTRY OF BRITAIN INTO EUROPEAN COMMON
MARKET—STEPS TO PROTECT CANADA'S INTERESTS

Mr. Mac T. McCutcheon (Lambton-Kent): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of the fact much opinion in Canada indicates that Canada's trading position will be damaged by Britain's entry into the Common Market, does the government intend, as a matter of self-interest, to encourage the rejection of entry in the proposed referendum announced by President Pompidou and, if so, what steps are currently being taken to protect Canada's interests?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, we have no intention, nor have we got the power, to prevent the enlargement of the European Economic Community. If the hon. member comes to the committee before which my estimates will be present-