

*Oral Questions*

other British Columbians and communities can benefit from the Expo situation?

Could the Minister explain to this House why all federal moneys were in fact spent in Vancouver and no other support facilities were put into other areas of the province?

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, a number of initiatives were undertaken in conjunction with Expo 86, support for the ALRT and a very beautiful Canadian pavillion, Canada Harbour Place Corporation, in Vancouver.

**An Hon. Member:** Vancouver.

**Mr. Mazankowski:** Vancouver is part of British Columbia. It will be something which all Canadians and all British Columbians will enjoy.

My understanding as well is that much of the infrastructure that will be removed after Expo 86 is over will be distributed among the various communities throughout the province. I think the Hon. Member should welcome that.

## ALLOCATION OF FUNDS THROUGHOUT BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox—Powell River):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. Would the Minister explain to this House why the federal Government, in a sense of fairness, has not allocated funds for a structure in other areas of the province so that local communities could benefit from the tourist initiatives that Expo 86 will draw into Canada and British Columbia?

**Hon. Sinclair Stevens (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, obviously from the two questions put by the Hon. Member he is unaware of the federal activity, not just in Vancouver but in B.C. generally. The Hon. Member must know of the hundreds of millions of dollars we have committed to an agreement under ERDA, including tourist and forestry activity throughout British Columbia. He must be aware of the fact that we have one of the most extensive programs through the Federal Business Development Bank in British Columbia which has put, on a per capita basis, perhaps more in that province than in any other part of Canada, the hinterland of British Columbia—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

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## WESTERN GRAIN STABILIZATION ACT

## PAYMENTS TO FARMERS WHO LOST CROPS

**Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State for the Canadian Wheat Board. Since the Minister has arranged so expeditiously for an early pay-out, will farmers, who have paid into the Western Grain

Stabilization Fund for a number of years but during the last couple of years, because of drought, grasshoppers, cutworms, et cetera have made no payment into the fund because they had no crop to deliver to the elevators, be denied a payment this spring?

**Hon. Charles Mayer (Minister of State (Canadian Wheat Board)):** Mr. Speaker, a simple answer to the question is no, they will not be denied. The Hon. Member should know that the calculations used to determine the interim payment were based on contributions from the beginning of January, 1983, to July, 1985. The Hon. Member should also know that that includes the crop grown in 1982. If the Hon. Member wants to go back, that would also include final payments from the crop grown in 1981. The Hon. Member should also know—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Rodriguez:** Send a memo.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Hon. Member for Cape Breton—The Sydneys (Mr. MacLellan).

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## ENERGY

## HEAVY OIL UPGRADER PROJECT

**Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton—The Sydneys):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. The Minister of Finance in his budget forecast predicts that the price of oil will be \$22.50 U.S. a barrel for 1986, which is more than enough to justify the loan guarantees for the Husky upgrader. Why won't the Government guarantee these loans for this project, or doesn't it believe its own budget forecasts?

**Mr. Crosbie:** That's a dirty one.

**Ms. Copps:** Get your act together.

**Mr. Benjamin:** Don't fight ladies.

**Hon. Pat Carney (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, the question is clearly budget related. It should be directed to the Minister of Finance.

**Ms. Copps:** They don't know what they are doing.

## GOVERNMENT ACTION

**Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton—The Sydneys):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is likewise to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Maybe she will be able to answer this one.

**Ms. Copps:** I doubt it.