

and Indians, but we have taken the necessary steps with Panartic to make sure that during the development work they will offer jobs to qualified Eskimos to work on Melville Island in digging operations.

[English]

Mr. Orlikow: I do not think the minister understood my question. I was not suggesting that they get shares, but in many farm areas farmers get part of the profits from oil found on their land. I am asking that the same consideration be given to Indians and Eskimos.

[Translation]

Mr. Chrétien: I have nothing to add to my answer, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

INDIAN AFFAIRS

INTRODUCTION OF MEASURE RESPECTING INDIAN CLAIMS

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. May I ask the minister whether it is the intention of the government to introduce the Indian Claims Commission bill again?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I answered this question a few days ago and my answer is the same.

[English]

SOUTH INDIAN LAKE, MAN.—FLOODING OF HOMES THROUGH HYDRO DEVELOPMENT

Mr. E. B. Osler (Winnipeg South Centre): I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Can the minister assure the house that his department will do everything possible to protect the interests of the approximately 100 Indian and Métis families at South Indian Lake who are now threatened with unilateral expulsion by the Manitoba government, due to flooding in connection with a hydro project?

[Translation]

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, I answered this question yesterday and we are extremely interested in the problem which a certain number of Indians in Manitoba have to face.

I would like to answer the specific question asked yesterday by the hon. member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow) concerning

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lawyers' fees. The department does not have to pay the fees of lawyers hired by Indians to defend them, but I am informed that the Manitoba government has assured the Indians that it would meet the expenses incurred by them to enforce their rights.

[English]

ESTATE TAX ACT

ALLEGED SPECIAL BURDEN ON HEIRS TO FAMILY FARMS AND BUSINESSES

Mr. Jack McIntosh (Swift Current-Maple Creek): Mr. Speaker, since you ruled out of order a previous question of mine, may I now rephrase it and ask the Minister of Finance why he finds it necessary to place a special tax burden, as he has admitted, on the heirs of family farms and family businesses?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question is still argumentative.

Mr. McIntosh: On what grounds, Mr. Speaker?

[Later:]

Mr. McIntosh: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Twice I have tried to get a question across to the Minister of Finance. Last time I think you said that my question was argumentative. Was that the ruling you gave? I suggest my question was not argumentative and I should like to ask the minister why it is necessary to place this tax burden on family farms and family businesses.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I cannot allow the minister to reply to the question. The hon. member, along with other members of this house, has placed on my shoulders the burden, which is not always a pleasant one, of being Speaker of this house. I am called upon to interpret the rules. I have interpreted the hon. member's question as being argumentative, and the matter is not subject to discussion.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. McIntosh: Well, Mr. Speaker, may I rephrase my question and ask the minister whether it is his intention to place a special tax burden on the heirs of family farms and family businesses.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I think that that question is somewhat more acceptable than the first one, and I will allow the minister to answer it.