

if through that agency progress is not made, by bilateral agreement with supplier countries, to try to secure the supply. The third priority, if there is not success there, would be to give more intensive consideration to the possibility of extending the oil pipeline from Toronto into the Montreal and Quebec market.

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[Translation]

#### REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

##### CIP PLANT IN TEMISCAMING—TEMBEC PROJECT— REQUEST FOR REPORT

**Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

In view of his promise to the hon. member for Richmond yesterday, is the minister in a position to announce whether an agreement has been concluded in the Tembec-CIP dispute and a grant given for the reopening of that pulp and paper mill?

[English]

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to say that the government of Quebec, CIP and the new company, Tembec, have now resolved their negotiations to the point where my department is now prepared to offer the restructured company an incentive grant of \$4.5 million in order to get this facility working again and to establish many hundreds of jobs in that area.

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

● (1130)

##### CIP PLANT IN TEMISCAMING—ATTEMPT BY COMPANY TO MOVE LOGS—REQUEST THAT RCMP INTERVENE

**Mr. J.-J. Blais (Nipissing):** Mr. Speaker, my question is also directed to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. First of all, I should like, on behalf of my constituents—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Would the hon. member ask his question. He has been recognized for the purpose of asking a question.

**Mr. Blais:** In view of the most appreciated declaration just made by the minister, and in view of the publicized attempt by CIP to move its logs down the Ottawa River—perhaps this question might be better directed to the Solicitor General—would the Solicitor General consider intervention by the RCMP or an investigation in the Ottawa River region around Temiscaming with relation to the problems that are now evident in the area?

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** I am not sure as to the jurisdiction of the RCMP in any dispute there, but I would be pleased to look into the matter for the hon. member.

#### Oral Questions AGRICULTURE

##### ACTION TO ENSURE CONTINUING SUPPLY OF VEGETABLE OILS FROM UNITED STATES FOR PROCESSING PRODUCTS

**Mr. Fred McCain (Carleton-Charlotte):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Since Canada has been traditionally dependent upon supplies of vegetable oils from the United States for the processing of certain agricultural products, what steps has the minister undertaken to ensure a continuing supply of vegetable oils from that source for this purpose?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** As I said earlier in reply to another hon. member, the figures involved here are part of the information we urgently need before we can make any decision. All this data is being compiled at the present time. We intend to do everything we can in government to make sure these needs are properly looked after.

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#### FISHERIES

##### ACTION TO ENSURE CONTINUING SUPPLY OF VEGETABLE OILS FROM UNITED STATES FOR PROCESSING PRODUCTS

**Mr. Fred McCain (Carleton-Charlotte):** Since the fishing industry is also involved I should like to ask the Minister of Fisheries what steps he is taking to ensure supplies of vegetable oils needed for the processing of fish? I should like to say there is no way Canada—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member is attempting to make a statement. Statements are made on motions under the terms of Standing Order 15, not when asking questions. The minister is recognized for the purpose of replying to the hon. member's supplementary question.

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries):** As usual we are in close consultation with the industry and trying to do our best in the circumstances.

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#### FOOD PRICES

##### EFFECT OF UNITED STATES PROTEIN SUPPLEMENT EXPORT EMBARGO—REQUEST THAT MINISTER INSTRUCT REVIEW BOARD TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS

**Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Since the embargo imposed by the United States on the export of protein supplements will have the effect of increasing food prices in Canada, will the minister instruct the Food Prices Review Board to make positive recommendations immediately in order to minimize the increases in prices that are expected?

**Hon. Herb. Gray (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** The board is an independent body. It can certainly take cognizance of points of view such as have been expressed by the hon. member.