

State, for obvious reasons, in terms of the Minister of Indian Affairs not being able to, or being expected to adjudicate equally between these groups, especially because of the status Indians being primarily a federal responsibility. As far as the Native Economic Development Fund is concerned, I believe it is an excellent initiative. I cannot think of a more appropriate place for it to be than with the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

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INDUSTRY AND LABOUR ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM

STATUS OF PROGRAM

Mr. Doug Lewis (Simcoe North): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. The Minister recently announced a national industrial development program to provide direct assistance to industry in all areas of Canada. What is the status of ILAP? Will it be continued?

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Madam Speaker, I believe the anniversary date for the ILAP program is sometime in 1984. All the areas designated for ILAP assistance will continue with applications until their anniversary date. Any other decisions with respect to specific sections of ILAP will be taken on or before that anniversary date.

APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION FROM MIDLAND-PENETANGUISHENE

Mr. Doug Lewis (Simcoe North): I direct a supplementary through you to the Minister, Madam Speaker, just to be very clear with respect to ILAP applications which are presently before the board. I am thinking specifically in terms of Midland-Penetanguishene, which has been before the board, or whatever the application process is, for three months. People in that area have spent thousands of dollars and hundreds of hours of time. They want to know when will that application be reviewed. Will it be reviewed under the current ILAP program or under the new program?

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Madam Speaker, I believe over 1,000 communities are requesting ILAP designations. The new Industrial and Regional Development program will ensure that there will be financial assistance, depending upon regional enrichment for the whole country. Therefore most of the regions, such as the one mentioned by the Hon. Member, Midland-Penetanguishene, once this legislation is passed will be designated for assistance in those categories which were indicated in last weeks press release. I would enlist the co-operation of the House Leader for the Conservative Party for quick passage when that legislation is presented here in the House.

Oral Questions

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

DESTRUCTION OF WEST TORONTO HERITAGE STATION— POSSIBILITY OF PROSECUTION

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Justice and it relates to a decision of the Canadian Transport Commission dated April 28, which I quote as follows:

—we are requesting the Attorney General of Canada to institute and prosecute proceedings on behalf of Her Majesty against Canadian Pacific—

And its directors, officers, agents and contractors, regarding the destruction of a railway station in Wests Toronto. I would like to ask the Minister of Justice who, I believe, is the Attorney General of Canada, if he intends to lay charges as recommended by the CTC and whether or not prosecution will be pursued by himself and/or his provincial counterpart.

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Minister of Justice): Madam Speaker, I have seen that recommendation and it is under consideration. The Hon. Member will appreciate that it is not possible for us just to accept at face value, without further consideration, such matters as whether the Railway Act would sustain such a prosecution, and so on. The matter must be looked at very carefully, and in due course I will be able to announce a decision after receiving advice from the Department.

REQUEST THAT RAILWAY BE INSTRUCTED TO RECONSTRUCT STATION

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Madam Speaker, the decision was made by the CTC under the Railway Act, and that is a court of proceedings. Since it is obvious the CPR is running the Government rather than the Government running the CPR, I would like to ask the Minister of Transport, who tells us he is going to get guarantees of railway performance with his Crow rate destruction, if he can tell us whether he will use the powers he has under the Railway Act to direct CPR to reconstruct the West Toronto station to its original state, and whether or not he will insist that the Minister of Justice lay charges and prosecute CP for the destruction of that station, if for no other reason than to restore the integrity of the CTC, the Railway Act, and the Minister?

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Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport): Madam Speaker, as the Minister of Justice has just said, the CTC has asked the Department of Justice to take proceedings in this matter. I understand also that the CPR has appealed the decision.

MARITIME FREIGHT RATES ACT—REVIEW TERMS OF REFERENCE

Mr. Pat Nowlan (Annapolis Valley-Hants): Madam Speaker, my question is also for the Minister of Transport. It may be most appropriate in that, according to some rumours, the Crow legislation is going to be introduced today. My question