

*Inquiries of the Ministry***EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****REPRESENTATIONS OF HIGH COMMISSIONER
TO NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT**

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Since our High Commissioner in Nigeria was asked almost two weeks ago to make representations to the federal government of Nigeria, will the minister tell the house whether those representations have been made to that government?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, some of the representations have been made, but the High Commissioner has not yet completed his mission. I should like to wait until it is completed before making a report.

Mr. Nystrom: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. When were such representations made and when may we expect a report to the house?

Mr. Sharp: As the Minister of Transport so often says, soon.

OIL**MOVEMENT FROM PRUDHOE BAY THROUGH
CANADIAN CARRIERS**

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct this question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. This seems to be his day in the house. In view of the government's interest in Panarctic Oils Limited, has the government made any representations to United States interests with a view to establishing a joint consortium to transport oil from Prudhoe Bay through Canadian carriers in the Yukon and British Columbia?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): This would come under the jurisdiction of either the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources or the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development?

[Later:]

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, I direct this question to the Acting Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. In view of the government's interest in Panarctic Oils Limited, has the

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government made any representations to United States interests with a view to establishing a joint consortium to transfer oil from Prudhoe Bay through Canadian carriers in the Yukon and British Columbia?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Acting Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, because of our interest in Arctic oil and oil generally, the government has had discussions with interested persons, including companies involved in various discoveries, as to the best means of transferring the oil already found and the oil expected to be found as well.

Mr. Paproski: Has the government had any conversations or discussions on this subject or any aspect of the Prudhoe Bay development with United States interests? If not, why not?

Mr. Lang: The answer is yes.

[Translation]

Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton): I wished to put my question to the Prime Minister but since he is absent, I will wait until tomorrow.

[English]

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS**REQUEST FOR DEBATE ON COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the President of the Privy Council. It concerns Your Honour's ruling today on the point of order raised by the President of the Privy Council in the house a couple of days ago. In the light of Your Honour's ruling, I ask the President of the Privy Council to give this house an assurance in view of the time limitation in the recommendations of the fifth report of the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications. I am referring specifically to the April 15 date. In view of the fact the house will adjourn in a day or two for the Easter recess, will the minister give an assurance that he will bring this matter forward at the earliest possible moment for debate?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, this matter involves a question of order as to the acceptability of the report. I intend to follow Your Honour's advice to consult with the Chair as to an appropriate time in the near future to raise this question.