

Oral Questions

when any changes in the machinery or structure of Government are made, it will be announced by the Prime Minister at the appropriate time and in the appropriate place.

INQUIRY OF MINISTER

Ms. Pauline Jewett (New Westminster—Coquitlam): Perhaps I could ask the Minister of State for Forestry, if the Deputy Prime Minister will allow me, whether he agrees with his colleague, the Chairman of the Committee on Environment and Forestry, that there should be a full line Department of Forestry?

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, again I can only reiterate my last answer. However, I am sure all Members of the House will agree when I tell the Hon. Member that we have a very able, excellent, talented, and gifted Minister of State for Forestry now.

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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

SMOKING IN FEDERAL BUILDINGS—GOVERNMENT APPEAL
AGAINST BOARD DECISION

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare to brighten up his morning and inject some life into it. As the Minister knows, the staff relations board decision to confine tobacco smoke in federal buildings to separately ventilated areas for smokers is being appealed by the federal Government. Will he stop the appeal?

Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I have had a wonderful morning and I have met very many interesting people. I hope my contribution to the Hon. Member's morning will finally give him some light as well. We are encouraging federal Departments to follow the lead that has been taken, not only in my Department but in a few other agencies and Departments of Government as well, and simply declare workplace areas "smoke free".

With regard to the specific case to which the Hon. Member refers, it is a different approach in which one could only do what was done in Health and Welfare if one also conforms to the physical requirements of that earlier judgment. That created some difficulties—not the principle that we would like to see smoke-free areas throughout the federal Government.

REASONS FOR APPEAL

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, if the Minister means what he has said, particularly in many speeches in the House of Commons which are reproduced in *Hansard*, why is there an appeal? Why the appeal if he means what he says?

Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I mean exactly what I said. I just explained it. If the Hon. Member wants to attend at noon when I speak to another group, he will see that I will be saying the same thing.

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AIRPORTS

OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT RENOVATIONS

Mr. Barry Turner (Ottawa—Carleton): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Transport my question is directed to the Government House Leader. As we know, the Ottawa International Airport is still undergoing considerable renovations and will be for some time, at great inconvenience to its users. When can we expect to see some use of the new facilities at the airport which have been under construction for a very long time?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, as they say out at the Ottawa International Airport, *Tempus fugit*.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Hnatyshyn: I am pleased to be able to report to the Hon. Member and the House that it is anticipated that the construction on the west wing of the airport will be completed in late April or early May, and that the opening of that great facility will take place then.

Some Hon. Members: What year?

Mr. Hnatyshyn: In 1986, Mr. Speaker.

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CANADIAN HOME INSULATION PROGRAM

PHASING OUT OF PROGRAM—COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. A communique put out by the Joint Committee on Regulations and Other Statutory Instruments criticizes the phasing out of the Canadian Home Insulation Program. They go so far as to say that the Committee believes the powers and action of the Minister:

—were not authorized by the—legislation, amounted to an unusual use of the powers granted by Parliament, and infringed the rule of law and the principles of fairness and natural justice.

What will the Minister do about this unanimous report of the committee?

Hon. Pat Carney (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, this report has been drawn to my