

Order Paper Questions

screened and re-bagged; (3) All cargo in sound bags was palletized and then loaded on the vessel. (b) Yes.

4. 205,240 bags of wheat were filled in the first instance.

WATER—PERMISSIBLE LEVEL OF RADIOACTIVE CONCENTRATION

Question No. 2,748—**Mr. Francis:**

What is the maximum permissible level of radioactive concentration in drinking water and how is the permissible level determined as there is little knowledge of the effects of long range low-level radioactive exposure on human beings?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): The government has not established maximum permissible levels of radionuclides in drinking water. The maximum permissible doses scheduled in the Atomic Energy Control Regulations relate to exposures from radionuclides ingested in water as well as to exposures from other sources.

SAMSON—CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

Question No. 2,863—**Mr. Forrestall:**

Can the Minister of National Defence give any assurances with respect to the continued employment by the government of DND civilian employees presently operating the communications system after the full introduction of SAMSON, particularly those resident now in Atlantic Canada?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): The SAMSON program will not be fully implemented until at least 1977 and the number of civilian employees required for the system has not yet been determined.

AES TECHNICIAN STAFF

Question No. 2,864—**Mr. Brisco:**

1. How many airports in Canada do not have AES presentation technician staff?
2. Who is providing the Aviation Weather Briefing Services at Aeradio Stations at such airports?
3. Which airports are involved in Parts 1 and 2?

Mr. Len Marchand (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of the Environment): 1. The number of airports in Canada that do not have AES presentation technician staff is very large and is changing continuously as additional offices staffed with presentation technicians are located at 57 principal airports in Canada.

2. AES certified pre-flight weather information services are provided at designated Aeradio stations by MOT CATA staff.

3. Part 1—Airports with AES presentation technicians: Brandon, Man., Calgary, Alta., Castlegar, B.C., Churchill, Man., Dauphin, Man., Edmonton, Alta., Edmonton/Industrial, Alta., Fort Nelson, B.C., Fort St. John, B.C. Fredericton, N.B., Frobisher, N.W.T., Gander, Nfld., Goose, Nfld., Halifax, N.S., Hamilton, Ont., Inuvik, N.W.T., Kamloops, B.C., Kelowna, B.C., Kingston, Ont., Kitchener/Waterloo-Wellington, Ont., Lethbridge, Alta., London, Ont., Matagami, Que., Moncton, N.B., Montreal, Que., North Bay, Ont., Ottawa, Ont., Peace River, Alta., Penticton, B.C., Peterbor-

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ough, Ont., Port Hardy, B.C., Prince Albert, Sask., Prince George, B.C., Quebec, Que., Regina, Sask., Resolute, N.W.T., Saint John, N.B., Sarnia, Ont., Saskatoon, Sask. Sault St. Marie, Ont., Sept Iles, Que., St. Catharines, Ont., St. Hubert, Que., St. John's, Nfld., Sudbury, Ont., Sydney, N.S., Terrace, B.C., Thunder Bay, Ont. Toronto, Ont., Toronto Island, Ont., Val d'Or, Que., Vancouver, B.C., Victoria, B.C., Whitehorse, Y.T.; Part 2—Airports with pre-flight weather information services provided by CATA staff: Lynn Lake, Man., Timmins, Ont., Wabush, Nfld..

R CLASS ICEBREAKERS

Question No. 2,906—**Mr. Forrestall:**

Will the \$5 million reduction in expenditures by the Department of Transport on the R Class icebreakers delay the programme and, if so, for how long?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): After consideration of program priorities within the ministry and the capability of the shipyard in regard to delivery schedules, the ministry has sought and obtained Treasury Board concurrence to have the required \$5 million reduction spread across Marine Capital Appropriations rather than applying this reduction wholly to the R class contract. It is anticipated, therefore, that the required spending cut will not affect the R Class icebreaker programme.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

EXCISE TAX ACT

The House resumed, from Thursday, July 24, consideration in committee of Bill C-66, to amend the Excise Tax Act—**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton)**—**Mrs. Morin** in the chair.

On clause 1—"gasoline."

Mr. Towers: Madam Chairman, I suggested yesterday that we would be presenting an amendment to the bill before us, Bill C-66. I think it is a very important amendment. On two occasions which come to mind, the Minister of Finance changed policy he had announced on the suggestion of the Official Opposition, for which we are particularly grateful.

The first time was when he brought in legislation exempting the capital gains tax on farms transferred from father to son on the death of the father. At that time the minister felt that he was fulfilling our request. When we pointed out to him that the alteration was inadequate because the exemption should apply when such a transfer took place during the lifetime of a father and son, the minister complied. Another example was in the June 23 budget when the minister removed the duty on hymn books with or without printed music under tariff item 17210-1.

We now trust that the amendment which we are submitting, to add dyed or marked gasoline to the list of eligible