

Howard Hughes has been given a further ministerial stay, allowing him to extend his visit to Canada, and in view of the fact that a member of the Department of Immigration has personally looked after this procedure, would the parliamentary secretary advise the House, the country and the world whether "H.H." is alive and well?

Mr. Ray Perrault (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration): I am glad to rise and reassure the hon. member. On Friday last Mr. Howard Hughes was granted a one-year extension of his non-immigrant status. He is reported as being indisposed—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That question could very well have been placed on the order paper, or it might be considered at the time of adjournment.

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NATIONAL PARKS

NOVA SCOTIA EASTERN SHORE AREA—CONSULTATION WITH PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND OTHERS ON PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Can the minister say whether there will be any further consultation between his department, the Nova Scotia government and interested persons in the area with respect to the boundaries of the proposed national park in the eastern shore area of Nova Scotia?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, we are discussing that problem with the Nova Scotia authorities. I have myself discussed that project last week with Premier Regan and we think that we have reached an understanding which will be acceptable to all those concerned.

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LABOUR RELATIONS

QUEBEC—LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE—STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS—GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Labour. Having regard to the alleged wildcat strike of longshoremen in Montreal, Trois-Rivières and Quebec City and the lockout on May 30 by the Maritime Employers' Association, can the minister tell us whether his department has made any headway in settling this dispute and, if not, what action does he contemplate taking?

Hon. Martin P. O'Connell (Minister of Labour): This morning I sent a telegram to the president of the longshoremen's union and to the president of the Maritime Employers' Association requesting them to reply today as to their willingness to submit the differences between them to arbitration, which is the procedure provided for in the Canada Labour Code as well as in their own collective agreement.

Inquiries of the Ministry

MANPOWER

LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS AND EXTENSION OF TIME FOR COMPLETION OF PROJECTS

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Since many local initiative projects are being stultified by lack of funds, can the hon. gentleman say what action the government intends to take in response to the many requests which have been made for the allocation of additional funds and the extension of the time within which projects can be completed?

Some hon. Members: Ten o'clock.

Mr. Ray Perrault (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I should like to assure the hon. member from Newfoundland that 11 extensions have been granted in his own province alone with a total value of \$217,928. This is encouraging progress. We shall be pleased to provide him with additional information.

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GRAIN

EFFECT OF LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE ON SHIPMENTS FROM MONTREAL—POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE SHIPPING FACILITIES

Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the minister in charge of the Wheat Board. Can he inform the House whether grain shipments out of Montreal have been suspended or curtailed because of recent labour difficulties there? Can he also say whether alternative shipping facilities are available should the work stoppage be prolonged?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Some individual shipments were certainly delayed. There are, of course, alternative loading facilities available throughout the east and these are being used to continue the very rapid movement of grain.

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TRANSPORT

CANADIAN TRANSPORT COMMISSION—REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO DETERMINE IF BEING FULFILLED

Mr. Charles H. Thomas (Moncton): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. In view of the widespread concern about reduced rail passenger services, escalating rail and truck freight rates and dissatisfaction with air carrier services, is the government considering a review of the responsibilities and powers of the Canadian Transport Commission to determine whether this body is performing the functions envisaged for it by Parliament when the National Transportation Act was passed?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!