

Oral Questions

beef going across the border and, if not, is it the intention of the government to re-initiate the tariff on beef coming into Canada so that our Canadian beef producers will have a chance to compete on an equal footing with United States producers?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member will recall that when the Minister of Finance introduced this change he did indicate it would be temporary and kept under constant review. I want to reassure the member that the matter was discussed again as recently as last Thursday in cabinet. When action seems to be imperative, we will take it.

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FISHERIES**COMPENSATION TO EAST COAST FISHERMEN FOR STORM DAMAGE—GOVERNMENT ACTION**

Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries. It concerns a request from east coast fishermen for compensation in respect of storm damage on June 17. Can the minister tell the House whether he has yet made a submission to his colleagues in the cabinet dealing with this matter and, if so, when can we expect an announcement?

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Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries): Yes, Mr. Speaker, a submission has been made jointly by myself and the Minister of Finance, and I hope that a decision will be made very shortly.

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ENERGY**REASON FOR FAILURE TO DISCUSS EXPORT TAX ON OIL AT WESTERN ECONOMIC CONFERENCE**

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question to the one asked by the Leader of the Opposition and I would like to put it to the Prime Minister. In view of the fact the western economic conference took place only a short time ago, and in view of the recent announcement by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources concerning the export tax on oil, can the Prime Minister tell the House the reason this very important matter was not discussed in detail at the time of the western conference?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, for a very simple reason. The federal government and I personally attempted to put energy on the agenda of that conference and the western provinces themselves refused to include energy as an item on the agenda.

[Mr. Whicher.]

BROADCASTING**COVERAGE OF 1976 OLYMPIC GAMES—ALLEGED SAVING BY ACCEPTING CTV OFFER—GOVERNMENT POSITION**

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, my question is also directed to the right hon. Prime Minister. In view of CTV's continuing offer to provide equipment, facilities and personnel to act as co-host broadcaster with the CBC for the coverage of the 1976 Olympic games at a considerably lower cost than the CBC, is it the government's intention to make use of these repeated offers, thus reducing the over-all cost to the CBC and to the taxpayers by millions of dollars and, if not, why not?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I cannot agree with the premise of the question, but I must confess that a detailed discussion of it is more than I could provide at this time. I would hope the hon. member raised that matter when the bill was before the House. If he did, I am sure he got the answer.

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MANPOWER**LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—ALLEGED DELAY IN SENDING APPLICATIONS TO NEWFOUNDLAND—REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF DEADLINE**

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the fact that again, as in past years, application forms for LIP did not reach Newfoundland until a week after the proposed date, and in view of the fact this will mean further delays in their reaching the northern communities, would the minister advise if he will extend the October 15 date for the approval of applications for another week or two so these people will get the opportunity they deserve?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I will examine the allegations of the hon. member. I was not aware they were that late. I thought they went out early in September.

LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—SCARCITY OF APPLICATION FORMS IN ATLANTIC PROVINCES

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the minister whether he would look very closely into the policy with respect to the releasing of application forms for LIP projects, particularly in the Atlantic provinces where they seem to be in very scarce supply?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Most certainly, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Sarnia-Lambton.

Mr. Cullen: Mr. Speaker, the question put by the hon. member for Bruce is one in which I was interested and I