

Oral Questions

Hon John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I believe the hon. member's conclusion would indicate that he did not read the speech in detail. If he would like to read it I will send it to him.

Mr. Muir: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question for the minister and I wish to thank him for his reply. I will be glad to have a copy of the speech; however, all the newspapers cannot be wrong. May I ask if the assistant minister of labour was being used by the minister or the government to fly a kite?

Mr. Munro (Hamilton East): No, Mr. Speaker.

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AGRICULTURE**REQUEST FOR PROGRESS REPORT ON RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF SUGAR BEET INDUSTRY**

Mr. J. R. Holmes (Lambton-Kent): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Agriculture and is prompted by the recent report of the Food Prices Review Board from which I should like to quote one short statement: "The sugar situation is anything but encouraging." That is in the September report, Mr. Speaker. May I ask the minister, first, if he is in a position to present to this House his national sugar policy and second, what progress has he made on fulfilling his commitment to re-establish the sugar beet industry in southwestern Ontario?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, if the sugar beet industry had been re-established a year ago or even two years ago, I am sure the hon. member would agree that it would probably have paid for itself several times in view of the over 300 per cent increase in sugar price to which the consumers of Canada have been subjected to. We only supply 10 per cent or 11 per cent of our normal consumption of sugar from our own production. We are continually working on advancing a sugar policy and I am sure the hon. member realizes that this has international complications which have to be worked out. However, we are still working on it and as soon as possible I will be submitting a paper to my colleagues.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE**BASE FOR OVERHAUL AND REPAIR OF BOEING 707's AT WINNIPEG—DATE OF OPENING—SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR ESTABLISHMENT**

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence. Can the minister inform the House when the first of the military Boeing 707's is to receive the 10,000 hour overhaul at the Winnipeg air base?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, the commitment to have the 707's repaired in Winnipeg is being implemented and the per-

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sonnel are being trained. I cannot give the date, but it will be early in 1975.

Mr. McKenzie: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Are funds from the DND budget to be used to establish and tool a Boeing overhaul base for CAE, and is there difficulty at the present time in securing the necessary funds?

Mr. Richardson: Mr. Speaker, funds will be provided by the federal government, probably through the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce. There may also be some assistance from National Defence because this is an undertaking of the government to help build a Boeing overhaul facility in Winnipeg.

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HARBOURS**MARINA ON SAANICHTON BAY—REASON FOR SUSPENSION OF DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, I have had some difficulty deciding to whom I should address my question and perhaps you can help me. The Minister of State (Fisheries) or the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development might be able to answer because the question involves a marina on Saanichton Bay on an island near an Indian reserve. I believe the Minister of Fisheries is responsible for the marina policy. I should like to know from either minister if they would be prepared to tell the House what action either department took in having development of the marina suspended?

Hon. Romeo LeBlanc (Minister of State (Fisheries)): Mr. Speaker, I confess I have been cramming on every possible subject in expectation of a question, but that one escaped me. I will take this as notice and give the hon. gentleman an answer.

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SPORTS**MONTREAL OLYMPICS, 1976—GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR FINANCING IN VIEW OF FAILURE TO CALL PUBLIC TENDERS**

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the right hon. the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that the city of Montreal voted itself the unprecedented right to spend Olympic funds without public tenders, could the Prime Minister advise this House if the government is going to continue to support the financing program for the Olympic games as authorized by Bill C-196 without first demanding public tenders on all Olympic expenditures as has been the case in all other Olympics and if so, could the Prime Minister justify that support?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the bill to which the hon. member refers was adopted with the support of all parties in the House. The bill is being applied. As to the particular jurisdiction of