

view of the fact that bill is to be called for debate today, following the discussions with the prairie agricultural minister does the minister consider today to be that last chance that he is providing to the opposition in his terms?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, there have been references by a number of members of the government to the need to come to a decision within a reasonable or fairly short time without specific regard to a day or a period. "Last chance" may obviously include a number of days, a period of time or a reasonable period of time, and that is really what is involved. The bill has been considered by the House for many months in different forms and in different ways, and I think the time has come to make a decision soon.

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### NATURAL RESOURCES

#### ACTION TO REQUIRE MORE PROCESSING IN CANADA— NATIONAL CONSERVATION POLICY

**Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. As suggested by the Prime Minister of Ontario, is the federal government considering action along with the ten provinces to require more processing of our natural resources and minerals in Canada?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, this problem is one which has been under the jurisdiction of the provinces for many years and some provinces have, indeed, acted in this regard. In so far as the federal government is able to have some influence, we have tried to exercise it, for instance, through reform in the tax laws.

**Mr. Ryan:** Mr. Speaker, I am sure we are all interested in constructive federalism, and as the federal government is looked upon as a sort of catalyst or co-ordinator—

• (2:40 p.m.)

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Would the hon. member kindly ask the question.

**Mr. Ryan:** May I rephrase the question, Mr. Speaker. Is the government considering action to compel companies based in Canada to carry out research and development in this country as urged by the Prime Minister of Ontario?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, we have not considered compelling, as the hon. member would want us to do, but we have given great incentives for this to be proceeded with through the taxation structure.

**Mr. Ryan:** Is the government going to take action with the provinces to develop a national resources conservation policy.

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, the area of jurisdiction of the provinces over natural resources is very well established and very wide. I think the hon. member should be directing his question to the Premier of Ontario and not to us.

### Inquiries of the Ministry

#### INDUSTRY

#### ALLEGED DEPORTATION OF JOBS TO UNITED STATES BECAUSE OF CANADIAN POLICY

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In view of United States charges as reported in the *Toronto Telegram* of Friday, October 1 that Canadian industrialization policy results in the deportation of Canadian jobs to the United States, is the minister aware of the report and, if so, are his officials preparing an answer to the reported United States charges?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of the report and will be happy to receive some comments from my officials.

**Mr. Nystrom:** Mr. Speaker, in light of this and other developments, would the minister agree to make a statement on motions soon in respect of government policy in granting loans and subsidies to subsidiaries of United States and Japanese corporations?

[Translation]

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** Mr. Speaker, I shall first read the newspaper and report involved, and I shall see then whether a statement should be made.

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[English]

#### REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

#### EXTENSION OF SPECIAL AREA DESIGNATIONS—DATE OF DECISION

**Mr. Murray McBride (Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In view of evidence provided on May 12 by Tom Kent, former deputy minister of that department, that the decision to extend the special area designations beyond June 30, 1972, would be made this fall, can the minister now inform the House concerning the date when the decision will be made and what the last date for submissions from interested parties will be?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, no specific dates are mentioned in the law, but we intend to start negotiating with the provinces during November in the hope of reaching a decision in the last part of February.

**Mr. McBride:** In view of the importance of this question to local representatives and industrial promotion generally, at what date will the government's decision concerning the extension or termination of the special designations be made known?

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** Mr. Speaker, I am not in a position to answer now because we are entering on negotiations with the provinces. After these negotiations we will be in a position to fix a date.