

ENERGY

TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPELINE—TRANSPORTATION OF ALASKAN CRUDE OIL—ENVIRONMENTAL SAFEGUARDS

Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock-North Delta): Madam Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. In the talks and correspondence with Trans Mountain Pipe Line officials regarding the use of their facilities to transport Alaskan crude, I should like to ask the Prime Minister what environmental safeguards have been discussed in relation to this project.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, I am not aware of any recent talks. I have not been informed of any recent exchanges on this particular point. As the hon. member knows, this government has always expressed the hope that Trans Mountain would not be the preferred route, but a parallel line along the Foothills line for gas would be built to transmit oil from Prudhoe Bay to the United States. That is still our preferred course.

Mr. Friesen: Madam Speaker, I have a supplementary question. The Prime Minister seems clueless about it now, but he certainly talked a lot about it during the campaign. For my constituency, this proposal would be an improvement over some of the other proposals that have been talked about, because it would get ships out of the inland waters. It would mean that not only tankers but supertankers would come down the coast. In light of what the Prime Minister said during the election campaign, what is the level of commitment of the Liberal government toward stopping the tankers coming down the west coast?

Mr. Trudeau: Madam Speaker, the hon. member is agreeing with the position we took during the campaign. It was to the effect that the all overland route should have been pushed by the Conservative government as it was pushed by our government.

Mr. Nielsen: Which is what we did.

Mr. Trudeau: It is still our hope that this will be the route which will succeed. I am just informing the hon. member that I am not aware of any current information on that matter. I would have to defer to the minister.

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SUPPLY AND SERVICES

CONTRACTS WITH SPACE RESEARCH CORPORATION

Miss Pauline Jewett (New Westminster-Coquitlam): Madam Speaker, I should like to continue my questioning of Tuesday concerning the Space Research Corporation with the Minister of Supply and Services and the Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Social Development. The Space Research Corporation is the body that is pushing its wares at the secret armaments conference being hosted by the Canadi-

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an Government next week at the Government Conference Centre.

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I would like to ask the Minister of Supply and Services, since he said he would look into the matter for me when he replied on Tuesday, whether there are any government agencies or departments currently holding contracts with Space Research Corporation.

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of Supply and Services): Madam Speaker, there are indeed a number of agencies which are dealing with Space Research. Canadian Arsenals Limited, which is responsible to Parliament through me, has been dealing with Space Research in the past. I might indicate to the hon. lady that I have already asked for the preparation of a written reply for her, which should be coming to her within two or three days. Because the list is quite detailed, I think it would be more informative through that means of communication.

Madam Speaker: I recognize the hon. member for a short supplementary question.

Miss Jewett: Madam Speaker, I would say to the minister that I hope the list will be available soon, as the secret conference begins on Tuesday.

Some hon. Members: Question.

Miss Jewett: The Conservatives are not concerned about Space Research Corporation, but we are.

An hon. Member: You are a day late. We asked about it yesterday.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

RCMP REPORT ON SPACE RESEARCH CORPORATION

Miss Pauline Jewett (New Westminster-Coquitlam): I would like to ask the Minister of Justice, if I may, why it is that the report of the RCMP, long since done, concerning Space Research Corporation which as the minister knows has been convicted in the United States of illegally shipping arms to South Africa, has not been produced. I would ask whether he intends to keep this report of the RCMP secret and, if not, when he will release it.

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Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Social Development): Madam Speaker, according to the information I was able to obtain in that regard, the case of that company is now before Canadian courts. It therefore would not be in the interest of justice to table, at this time, the police report which led to legal proceedings.