

the early passing and approval of that report so that it will protect the petrochemical industry in Sarnia in a positive way.

Hon. Bud Cullen (Sarnia-Lambton): Mr. Speaker, it would seem that a tripartisan group has really been on the ball because my petition is basically the same. It contains 8,800 names which would indicate the importance of this question.

The purpose of the petition is to urge the Government of Canada and the provincial government to implement immediately the Canadian Petrochemical Industry Task Force recommendations and to call upon all Members of Parliament to support a speedy and positive response to this task force report. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

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WESTERN GRAIN STABILIZATION ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Transport) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-33, an Act to amend the Western Grain Stabilization Act.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the Hon. Minister shall have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Speaker: When shall the Bill be read a second time? At the next sitting of the House?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 267, 462, 489, 499, 578 and 667.

[Text]

AIRLINE PASSES

Question No. 267—**Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):**

1. Does Air Canada or any other Canadian commercial airline offer free space on regularly scheduled flights to Cabinet Ministers or to other Members of Parliament and, if so, under what conditions?

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2. In (a) 1980 (b) 1981, how many times were these offers accepted by Cabinet Ministers or by other Members of Parliament?

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Transport): The Canadian Transport Commission advises as follows:

1. Yes, pursuant to Section 15 of the Aeronautics Act, Air Canada and other Canadian commercial airlines have been authorized to offer passes on a reserved space basis to the Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, Leader of the Official Opposition Party, Leader of the New Democratic Party, Speakers of the House of Commons and the Senate, Leader of the Opposition Party in the Senate and former Prime Ministers of Canada.

The same carriers also have an approved quota of passes for publicity, promotion and public relations purposes, and may offer such passes for free transportation to other Members of Parliament and Senators.

2. The Commission does not maintain comprehensive records of free transportation provided by air carriers.

INTERFERON

Question No. 462—**Mr. Howie:**

In the period January 1, 1983 to date did the Government give financial support to the research or development of the new cancer-combatting drug interferon and, if so, in what amount?

Mr. Russell MacLellan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare): In so far as the Department of National Health and Welfare is concerned: No.

In so far as the Medical Research Council is concerned: Yes, the Medical Research Council did provide financial support to research or development projects concerning the drug interferon. Financial support given by the Medical Research Council for the calendar year 1983 was \$613,095 (this figure includes salary support).

EM&R—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF NORTH CENTRAL ONTARIO

Question No. 489—**Mr. Howie:**

Did the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources authorize geological surveys in the Sudbury, Timmins, Algoma areas and, if so, what (a) was the purpose of the surveys (b) was the estimated cost of them?

Mr. Leonard Hopkins (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Yes, EM&R in conjunction with Employment and Immigration Canada (IEC) and Laurentian University undertook a program, consisting of five projects, in the Sudbury, Timmins and Algoma regions of northern Ontario.

Project	(a) Purpose	(b) Costs	
		EM&R	EIC
Mineral Data Base	To make possible the production of mineral distribution maps and listings of mineral occurrences in north central Ontario (general Timmins, Sudbury and Algoma regions) by collecting, coding and	\$104,786	\$281,317
			Total
			\$386,103