

Oral Questions

[English]

HOUSING

ROCHDALE COLLEGE—POSSIBLE USE AFTER
FORECLOSURE

Mr. Reg Stackhouse (Scarborough East): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State for Urban Affairs and it is supplementary to an earlier question asked about Rochdale College. In light of the letter that has been sent by the Metropolitan Toronto Police Commission, and in light of the opinion given at the coroner's inquest, has the minister any plans for devoting Rochdale College to a more socially constructive purpose after foreclosure than the one for which it is now being used?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, as I said, we are pursuing foreclosure with all the speed that the courts will allow, and that is as fast as it is possible to go. It would be premature to determine any use for the building prior to our gaining possession of it pursuant to the foreclosure action.

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FISHERIES

SEALS—ALLEGED ILLEGAL USE OF AIRCRAFT BY BRIAN
DAVIES—POSSIBLE CHARGES

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, I have a brief question for the parliamentary secretary to the Minister of the Environment. Can he indicate whether charges have been laid against Brian Davies for the alleged illegal use of aircraft in the seal fishery off the east coast of Canada and for allegedly harassing seal herds against the law of the nation?

Mr. William Rompkey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, we have a preliminary report on this and we are checking some facts to be absolutely sure of our ground. As soon as the minister receives further information, he will be able to take whatever action is required. I should like to assure the hon. member of my personal concern in this matter and I will follow it up personally.

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HOUSING

MONTREAL NORTH—MEASURES TO PROTECT WAR
VETERANS IN CASE OF SALE OF PROJECT

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Veterans Affairs. In view of the difficulty being experienced by veterans, as expressed in the question directed to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs previously, and the difficulty of getting answers from that minister, I wonder whether the Minister of Veterans Affairs would look into this problem and help out in this case in his concern for the veterans of Canada?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, since those questions were asked previously

[Mr. Chrétien.]

I have received a further report. It is very clear that if the veterans in this project do not want the building to be sold it will not be sold.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair will call on the hon. member for St. Catharines and then call orders of the day.

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FINANCE

REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE BANK OF CANADA WILL NOT
RAISE INTEREST RATE

Mr. Trevor Morgan (St. Catharines): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the right hon. Prime Minister. I attempted to ask this question when the Minister of Finance was here. In view of the answer given by the Minister of Finance to the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings that he had not yet discussed the question of interest rates with the chartered banks, in light of the fact that in this morning's news it was indicated that the United States treasury has convinced U.S. banks to reduce their interest rates, and in view of the fact the Minister of Finance has said he has spoken only to the governor of the Bank of Canada, can the government assure the House that the bank interest rate of the Bank of Canada will not be raised?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will have to take notice of this question on behalf of the Minister of Finance.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY S.O. 58—NON-CONFIDENCE MOTION—
CONDEMNATION OF SALE OF POLYMER CORPORATION
BY GOVERNMENT

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon) moved:

That this House condemns the sale by the government on July 27, 1972, by Order in Council P.C. 1972-1715 of the whole of the capital stock of Polymer Corporation Limited to Canada Development Corporation.

He said: Mr. Speaker, the motion that we are dealing with today has been deliberately couched in very careful terms so as to confine this debate to a very specific issue, namely, the sale by the government of the whole of the capital stock of Polymer Corporation Limited to the Canada Development Corporation. This whole matter has been shrouded in secrecy because of the almost paranoiac refusal of the government to make the disclosure. The information has been suppressed.

We had the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Drury) before a committee and when he was there the Liberal members on the committee threw up road block after