

tained, it is not government policy to discuss terms of negotiations in the House.

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[English]

INDIAN AFFAIRS

ECOLOGICAL STUDIES IN JAMES BAY AREA—EFFECT ON NATIVES AND ENVIRONMENT

Mr. Wally Firth (Northwest Territories): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development regarding the recently announced \$10 million ecological studies of the James Bay area. Can the minister tell the House whether these studies will deal with the possible displacement of several thousand Cree people who have lived in the area since time immemorial as well as dealing with the effects on the natural environment of the proposed hydro-electric scheme?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, these studies are made by the Department of Environment and I cannot give the hon. member a definite answer. I shall inquire of the minister involved and reply later.

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[English]

ENERGY

TAPS TANKER ROUTE—INQUIRY AS TO NEGOTIATIONS WITH UNITED STATES ON ALTERNATIVES

Mr. John A. Fraser (Vancouver South): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the right hon. Prime Minister. Can the Prime Minister assure the House that since we adjourned in July the government of Canada has entered into negotiations with the government of the United States with a view to persuading that country to cancel its plans to unload Alaskan oil at sites in Puget Sound?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will have to inquire what particular initiatives were taken in that period of time and perhaps the Secretary of State for External Affairs or the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources could answer the question.

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MANPOWER

ADULT VOCATIONAL TRAINING—CLOSING OF CLASSES AT POINT EDWARD—ROLE OF PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Is the minister aware that ten classes plus instructors are to be closed and moved from the adult vocational training centre at Point Edward in Cape Breton? In view of the confusion surrounding this unfortunate action, may I ask if it is being brought about as a

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result of instructions from the minister himself or officials of his department?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I will have to take the question as notice. I am not aware of the information the hon. member has given but I shall look into it immediately and report to him.

Mr. Muir: Mr. Speaker, a short supplementary—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps the hon. member may have a supplementary and then I will recognize the hon. member for Lambton-Kent. After that we will have to call orders of the day quickly as we have gone beyond the question period.

Mr. Muir: Mr. Speaker, may I ask the hon. Minister, when he is investigating, if he would ascertain what part the provincial department of education is playing in this so that we will not be told by officials of that department in Nova Scotia that this problem belongs entirely to Bob Andras?

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HEALTH

POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF HEALTH CARE RESEARCH COUNCIL—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. J. R. Holmes (Lambton-Kent): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In the past the minister has referred to the report "Health Care in Canada", a study prepared for the Science Council of Canada by Dr. Rocke Robertson. I should like to ask the minister if it is his intention to implement the recommendation to establish a health care research council and if so, when?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, these recommendations obviously have to be the subject of consultation and discussion with the provinces.

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ENERGY

TAPS TANKER ROUTE—INQUIRY AS TO NEGOTIATIONS WITH UNITED STATES ON ALTERNATIVES

Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the answer given in this House on Tuesday to the hon. member for Vancouver South by the parliamentary secretary to the Minister of the Environment, namely, that the government has not yet commenced negotiations for guarantees in connection with the delivery of oil at Cherry Point to avoid the Strait of Juan de Fuca route, can the minister advise the House when serious negotiations will commence? In other words, when will we begin to fight on this issue?