

Science and Technology be made directly responsible for the whole billion dollar budget reserved for scientific research activities.

[English]

**Mr. Andre:** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is also directed to the Minister of State for Science and Technology. In view of the conclusion of this report that "after years of analysis the time has now come for decision and action," when will the minister be reporting to the House about changes she will make in the operation and organization of her department to conform with some of these recommendations?

[Translation]

**Mrs. Sauvé:** Mr. Speaker, some of Senator Lamontagne's recommendations already appear in the projects of the ministry. I shall eventually announce some measures concerning the ministry, and I look over each and every recommendation in the Lamontagne report, to my greatest enlightenment and that of my officials.

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[English]

#### INDIAN AFFAIRS

##### GOVERNMENT POSITION ON PREVENTING EVICTION OF NON-STATUS WOMEN FROM RESERVES FOLLOWING SUPREME COURT DECISION

**Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister of which I gave him notice so that we might have a considered reply. How will the government respond to the telegram from the National Advisory Council on the Status of Women asking for government intervention to prevent or stay evictions of non-status women from the reserves, which came about as a result of the recent and, I may say, lamented Supreme Court decision?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I know the hon. member would only want me to paraphrase my answer, as it would certainly be a matter of courtesy to answer them before giving an answer to the hon. gentleman. As I understand it, part of their concern deals with the abolition of the Indian Act or certain parts of the Indian Act. I point out to the House of Commons that the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development more than four years ago indicated to the House that we were prepared to do away with the act in its entirety but that we would not want to do it without a great deal of consultation from the native people themselves, because there was obviously a lack of unanimity among them as to the content and timing of such changes. I think the hon. member knows that the Indian people were not 100 per cent in support of the cause that he seems to be promoting.

**Mr. Fairweather:** Mr. Speaker, perhaps I would have done better without notice, with great respect. I was asking about a stay of the eviction of people. As the right hon. gentleman may remember from when he taught law, the eviction process is to get people out of places where they are not supposed to be. That is really what I want to know. Will there be a stay of eviction proceedings? Will

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the government intervene? The Indian Act can be dealt with in the next few years.

**Mr. Trudeau:** No, Mr. Speaker.

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#### THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

##### PROPOSED TAKEOVER OF ACKLANDS LIMITED BY UNITED STATES COMPANY—GOVERNMENT ACTION

**Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration who is filling in for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. It arises out of the commitment he made to the House yesterday to look into the takeover bid for Acklands Limited. In view of the concern expressed by the government of Manitoba, is the minister in a position now to answer that question?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Acting Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, the legal representatives of Genuine Parts Company of Atlanta have been in touch with us and have written today to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce outlining the details of the proposed acquisition bid. They have advised us that in the event the acquisition is consummated, Genuine Parts Company has no plan to phase out Acklands' operations or to alter Acklands method of operation. Nor will the company increase Acklands' purchases from United States suppliers. Although Bill C-132 is not yet law, I am informed that the executives of that company are prepared to and have offered to meet the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, and that meeting is now being arranged.

##### GOVERNMENT INTENTION RESPECTING PROCEEDING WITH FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW BILL

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Acting Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, perhaps I might be allowed to answer a related question asked by the hon. member for Peace River about Bill C-132. I am informed that the bill continues to have very high priority and will be brought forward shortly.

##### PROPOSED TAKEOVER OF ACKLANDS LIMITED BY UNITED STATES COMPANY—REPRESENTATIONS BY MANITOBA

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Finally, Mr. Speaker, may I deal with another question having to do with the proposed acquisition of Acklands. We have not had, according to my information, representations from the government of Manitoba on this issue.

**Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. As it is my understanding that the Minister of Industry in Manitoba has sent a telegram to the minister concerning this subject in which he expressed concern about the possibility of joint federal-provincial action to prevent this takeover, in the event this is confirmed, as it will be, I am sure, by the minister