

credit legislation and by changing the limited partnership legislation. A number of things have been done, but as I have indicated before, further work has to be done. I have never denied that. Further work must be done, but we are getting on with that and the Hon. Member will be hearing from me shortly on it.

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HEALTH

SAFETY OF GREAT LAKES DRINKING WATER

Mr. Joe Reid (St. Catharines): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare who probably read the same articles I read yesterday indicating that the water of the Great Lakes is polluted by some 800 chemicals, only 50 of which are subject to safety guidelines. What further research does the Minister propose to undertake on this source of drinking water for millions of people on both sides of the border so as to improve upon the classification, which is now simply stated as being generally safe?

Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member made reference to a study which was funded by the Ontario Environmental Ministry and the Department of National Health and Welfare. He has analysed it correctly in that drinking water is generally safe. It is true as well that with the present research and the ability to trace various toxic chemicals, a number of—

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh! Too long.

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

REQUEST THAT LEGISLATION BE INTRODUCED

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State. For seven years, the Parliamentary Committee on Official Languages has been strongly recommending that the Act be amended. In the Speech from the Throne, the Government made a commitment to bring the Act into compliance with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Can the Secretary of State assure the House that a bill to this effect will be tabled in the coming weeks?

[English]

Hon. David Crombie (Secretary of State and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism): Mr. Speaker, I can give the Hon. Member and the House that assurance. I have met with the FFHQ, with the Alliance Quebec and with the Commissioner of Official Languages this morning, as well as with

others. We expect that that Bill will be coming in due course. We will do it as quickly as we can but as well as we can.

CONTENT OF AMENDING LEGISLATION

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, in addition to ensuring that the Act conforms to the Charter of Rights, I wonder if the Minister could give us the assurance that the work of the committee regarding, for example, the supremacy of the law, the working language of the Public Service, and also the power of the Commissioner, would be part and parcel of that law and that we will modify the law.

Hon. David Crombie (Secretary of State and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism): Mr. Speaker, I can assure the Hon. Member that he will not be disappointed. All of those topics are part of the discussions we are having on an ongoing basis with the groups I have already mentioned.

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NUCLEAR ENERGY

ELDORADO NUCLEAR—LOCATION OF WASTE DISPOSAL SITE

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg—Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister responsible for Eldorado Nuclear. The Minister will be aware of the concern about Eldorado's intention to locate a nuclear waste disposal site at one of two locations, either Wesleyville or Tyrone. Does the Minister intend to instruct Eldorado to shelve its proposals and go back to the drawing board, in keeping with the Prime Minister's campaign pledge that a dump site would not be located in these areas?

Hon. Gerald S. Merrithew (Minister of State (Forestry and Mines)): Mr. Speaker, naturally that particular issue has been a matter of some concern to me. I have been reviewing that dossier since my appointment and since I have had responsibility for that particular issue.

I can tell the Hon. Member that I have had a great many discussions on the issue with many people, and particularly with the Hon. Member for Durham—Northumberland who has given me a number of suggestions. In that regard I might mention that I will be visiting that particular area tomorrow and we will wait to see what happens at that time.

MINISTER'S DECISION—REQUEST FOR ANNOUNCEMENT IN PARLIAMENT

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg—Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, given the interest in the proposal, I wonder why the Minister insists on keeping his decision from Members of the House of Commons and why he does not announce in the House of Commons his decision with respect to that issue rather than waiting until tomorrow.

Hon. Gerald S. Merrithew (Minister of State (Forestry and Mines)): Mr. Speaker, it is my intention, of course, to discuss