

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, we have forwarded our copies of the agreement to the three Crown corporations.

Mr. Carter: I have a supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister tell the House if the guarantee by the government of the province of Newfoundland has been given yet.

Mr. Laing: Mr. Speaker, the guarantee which has been made to us has been made on behalf of three Crown corporations.

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INDUSTRY

PULP AND PAPER—GOVERNMENT APPROVAL OF TWO NEW MILLS IN VIEW OF DECLINE IN INDUSTRY

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. If the exports and profits of the Canadian pulp and paper industry are declining, why is the government at this time sponsoring two new pulp mills, one in Saskatchewan and one in Quebec.

Mr. Speaker: That obviously is not a proper question.

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POLLUTION

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS—REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS THROUGH CMHC

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Urban Affairs. Can the minister give any indication whether any funds will be made available through CMHC to sewage treatment plants as urged yesterday by the provincial minister responsible for the environment.

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Andras:—the funds allocated to the CMHC capital budget for sewage treatment have gone up from \$36 million to \$50 million to \$87 million in the last three years. This does not mean that all demands, requirements or allocations will not be increased this year. We will have a look at it again next year.

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GRAIN

WHEAT—POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF CROP YEAR

Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): I have a question for the minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board. Is it the intention of the government to extend the 1971 crop year to better facilitate the equalization of grain quotas and marketings?

[Mr. Carter.]

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): The extension of the crop year is one of those things which might have been possible if Bill C-238 had been passed. The hope and expectation of the Wheat Board, as last reported to me, is that quotas may be equalized. They are generally equalized now at very high levels, except in regard to wheat, and the Wheat Board is quite optimistic that they should be able to have an eight bushel quota—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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NATURAL RESOURCES

OFFSHORE MINERAL RIGHTS—INQUIRY AS TO REJECTION OF FEDERAL PROPOSAL BY PROVINCES

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): I wonder if the Prime Minister is now in a position to reply to the question the Leader of the Opposition put two days ago with respect to rejection by any of the provinces of the federal government's offer to the provinces on offshore mineral rights.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I checked the record, and the assertion I made in the House is essentially right. The federal offer has not been officially rejected by any of the governments of the provinces. We know that some of them are not willing to proceed very rapidly with it and we may want to have other meetings with them, as I said the other day in the House, but there has been no official rejection.

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TRANSPORT

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON NATIONAL POLICY—IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPENSATORY RATE PROVISIONS FOR TRUCKS

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): My question is directed to the Minister of Transport. Since we are approaching our summer recess, if the minister cannot answer my question now perhaps he might make a statement when we come back regarding the state of the national transportation policy. The act passed in 1967 included compensatory rates for all modes of transport, but the fate of truckers is still very much in the air. Can the minister say when Part III will be proclaimed and why it has not been yet?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): In point of fact, Part III was proclaimed several months ago, but no action has been taken as a result. It was a first step. Meetings with provinces and appropriate ministers were held a month or so ago for discussions on the method of implementation and they will continue over the next few months.

Mr. Nowlan: It is a very important matter in view of the fact that the truckers were in town during the last