

REQUEST FOR REPORT ON CANADA-U.S.
CONTINENTAL POLICY

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): A further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In answer to a question that I asked either earlier this week or at the end of last week the minister said he would make a statement in reference to the new agreements that are now being made between Canada and the United States. Is the minister prepared to make this announcement either today or soon?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Acting Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I did not make any statement about making any statement and I will indeed not do so until there is something specific to say about any new agreement.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, that is the first honest answer we have had. The minister admits that he will make no statement.

ACCESSIBILITY OF WESTERN OIL TO EASTERN
MARKET

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Will the Acting Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources take the house into his confidence on the question of the establishment of a national oil policy for Canada under which western Canadian oil may gain access to markets in eastern Canada.

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Acting Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, the whole question of oil policy both in Canada and in the United States, and the question of the proper handling of oil in North America, is under review. As decisions are made in this regard statements of course will be made to the house. I could, indeed, make a statement at this time or at any time reviewing the tremendous progress that has been made in developing oil resources as a result of existing government policies in this field.

STATEMENT OF NATIONAL POLICY FOLLOWING
VISIT WITH PRESIDENT NIXON

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Has-tings): May I address a supplementary question to the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. As it is more than six weeks since he discussed oil policy with President Nixon and others interested in the subject, can he report on any progress which has been made that would indicate it will be possible for Canada to achieve in the near future a successful

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national oil policy similar to that introduced by the former government in 1961.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

FORESTRY

LOGS—DENIAL OF EXPORT LICENCES TO MEET
DOMESTIC DEMAND

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. It relates to an announcement which he made in the latter part of February concerning a voluntary ban on the export of logs from British Columbia. Since the export of logs from Crofton and Chemainus on Vancouver island has increased sevenfold in March as compared with one year ago, is the minister now willing to consider imposing a ban and denying export licences for export of logs until domestic requirements have been met?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, the figures the hon. member has mentioned are news to me. I will check into the matter and let him know my answer.

[Translation]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING
CORPORATION

SUGGESTED REPLACEMENT FOR "DON
MESSER'S JUBILEE"

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister.

Since the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has removed "Don Messer's Jubilee", the last program devoted to Canadian folklore, from its programming schedule, does the Prime Minister intend to suggest to the Secretary of State, responsible to the house for the C.B.C., to replace that program by another one on Canadian folklore, a tradition dear to millions of Canadians?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): That could be a useful expedient for introducing television in the House of Commons, Mr. Speaker. There is quite a lot of folklore around here.

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TRANSPORT

ACTION ON MEASURE RESPECTING MARITIME
FREIGHT RATES

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting

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