

PUBLIC SERVICE

ALLEGED STATEMENT BY MR. STONER GOVERNMENT NOT
GOOD EMPLOYER—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the President of the Treasury Board. In light of the allegations made by Mr. Stoner recently that the government is not a good employer, can the minister tell us what steps he is taking to investigate this statement to see whether or not it has any basis in fact, and whether there is a serious morale problem within the public service of Canada?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the only comment I have from my deputy minister is that the title that appeared in the *Journal* was not in accordance with his thinking and with what he really stated publicly.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Would it be breaching confidence if I asked the minister to say what his deputy minister did say with respect to this particular matter?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): I do not think the deputy minister ever complained to me about his own working conditions. I know that he earns much more money than I do, and I am happy about that.

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AGRICULTURE

UNITED STATES QUOTAS ON BEEF AND PORK—POSSIBILITY
OF WITHDRAWAL

Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the expressed concern of beef producers that United States quotas limiting Canadian beef and pork may last for a long time, especially since it now appears that there is a surplus in the Canadian supply of beef and that it will outlast the American domestic supply, can the minister inform the House whether any progress has been made to settle this trade dispute?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, first of all there is no chance that we can fill our pork quotas because we do not have enough pork. As to beef, discussions are still taking place with the United States. I will point out to the hon. member that we are deficient in our beef production in Canada.

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PUBLIC WORKS

DREDGING—GOVERNMENT POSITION IN VIEW OF FACT ALL
COMPANIES UNDER INDICTMENT

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): My question is for the Minister of Public Works. Can he now tell us whether his department intends to proceed with any dredging operations and whether his department has figured out any way to protect the Canadian people,

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particularly in view of its obviously abject failure to provide any protection to Canadians in past contracts?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I hope to be able to announce a course of action for the future on either Thursday or Friday of this week.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

ENERGY

ATHABASCA OIL SANDS PROJECT—TABLING OF
CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND HOME OIL
COMPANY

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I should like to table copies of the correspondence between myself and the president and chief executive officer of Home Oil Company on the oil sands project.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 1,890, 1,941, 1,942, 1,945, 1,953, 1,955, 1,956, 1,958, 1,967, 1,989, 1,992, 1,996, 2,003, 2,085, 2,133 and 2,193.

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

EXPORT OF ARMS TO TURKEY

Question No. 1,890—**Mr. Brewin:**

1. Were licences for the export of arms or any sort of war material to Turkey granted since July 20, 1974 and, if so (a) to whom (b) for what amounts (c) on what dates?

2. Were any of the contracts negotiated through the Canadian Commercial Corporation?

3. Was the supply of materials to go directly to Turkey and, if not, to whom were such arms assigned?

4. Were conditions attached to the licences as to what theatre the materials could be used in and, in particular, were there restrictions made as to the use of such materials on the Island of Cyprus?

Mr. Gaston Clermont (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): 1. Three export permits have been issued for the export of military equipment to Turkey since July 20, 1974. (a) Since every application for an export permit under the authority of the Export and Import Permits Act is treated on a commercially confidential basis, it is not the practice to reveal to whom such permits were issued. (b) The three permits