

Oral Questions

available electronic facilities. We have a number of nuclear shelters and we are trying to build more. We are working closely with municipalities and provinces, through our civil defence organizations, in order to inform and increase the awareness of Canadians. I can assure the Hon. Member that everything is being done to make as much information available as possible, even if a nuclear attack were to have the disastrous consequences he mentioned. In fact, I think the best way to prevent this is by supporting and encouraging those who are trying to get the two world powers together, in an attempt to bring about nuclear disarmament.

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AIRPORTS**IMMIGRATION ADMISSION PROCEDURES—DELAYS CAUSED FOR RETURNING RESIDENTS**

Mr. John McDermid (Brampton-Georgetown): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. Has the Minister of Transport met with his colleagues, the Minister of National Revenue and the Minister of Employment and Immigration, regarding the disastrous results for people entering or re-entering our country at our major international airports, such as the line-ups which result when going through immigration when there may be a problem with a certain person coming into the country. Will the Minister, in conjunction with his colleagues, implement the recommendation that there be separate lines for returning Canadians, those from the United States, and others entering our country?

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, as I recall, the proposals put forward in the report on illegal immigration have been referred to different Departments to examine their feasibility, and certain pilot projects are being examined at the present time. I will undertake to consult, as the Hon. Member suggests, with the other two members of Cabinet to determine if and when they may be implemented.

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PETRO-CANADA**PROPOSAL TO BUILD OIL-SANDS PLANT AT FORT McMURRAY, ALTA.**

Mr. Jack Shields (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. Wilbert Hopper, the Chairman of Petro-Canada, has stated that Petro-Canada is seriously considering and investigating the prospects of building an oil-sands plant in Fort McMurray. He also stated they are not prepared to go ahead or even consider building a plant unless the Government is prepared to make certain tax and royalty concessions. What is the Minister doing about this?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, such discussions are under the responsibility of the Minister of Energy. As the Hon. Member has indicated, this would involve

the co-operation of both the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada. We have shown in the past that the two Governments can co-operate in this regard. With respect to a specific proposal that the industry may put forward, the actual negotiation of the specific agreement would be under the responsibility of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.

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SPORTS**APPOINTMENT OF LOTTERY CHAIRMAN**

Hon. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton North): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Fitness and Amateur Sport. If she would return to her seat, maybe we could give her a little publicity. Mr. James Gow was appointed gambling czar and head of the federal sports lottery. Will the Minister advise the House what qualification he has for this \$85,000 a year job, besides being a Liberal flack?

[Translation]

Hon. Céline Hervieux-Payette (Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport)): Mr. Speaker, I think Mr. Gow, who has just been appointed by the Prime Minister as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Sports Pool Corporation, is a very good choice. He is a very competent person. He has worked with my Department as Chairman of the Sport Advisory Council, and as such, he is respected by the sports community and all those who work in this field.

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AIRPORTS**USE OF NEW TERMINAL AT PRINCE ALBERT AIRPORT**

Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. On November 4 the Minister of State responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board turned the sod to start construction on the long-awaited terminal building at the Prince Albert airport. Unfortunately, on November 10 East-West airline service to the city ceased when the temporary licence held by the Aero Trades Airline expired. Can the Minister inform the House what steps his Department is taking to ensure that the new terminal does not turn out to be a white elephant?

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, these are two very separate issues. I hope the Hon. Member will recognize the important investment we are making in creating jobs in this area with the new terminal for that region. As to the question of which airline will be able to fly in and out, any airline that meets the licensing requirements of the CTC will, of course, be approved. That really is the question. If there is an appeal to be heard on that, I am sure we would