

Oral Questions

President Bush, as I am sure the Deputy Prime Minister knows, has endorsed plans to drill unlawfully for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. This is the last great tract of pristine land in the United States and is the calving ground for Canada's 180,000-strong porcupine caribou herd.

Since the United States energy secretary yesterday warned that the President will veto any attempts to protect the wildlife refuge, in particular the 10-02 lands, will the Deputy Prime Minister tell Canadians what steps he and the Prime Minister will be taking to drive home to President Bush that the drilling in the refuge will violate four international agreements with Canada and decimate one of the last great wild herds of mammals on earth?

Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Madam Speaker, as the hon. member would know, the position of Canada on ANWR has been clearly stated a number of times, both from External Affairs as well as International Relations at the highest level.

Also the member should note that when the Secretary of Energy for the United States put forward his new national energy strategy, it was out of a long list of public hearings they had on how they could increase the domestic production of oil and gas. That is their position. Our position on ANWR has not changed from that stated previously.

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HUDSON BAY MINING AND SMELTING

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Madam Speaker, my question is for the same minister. I gave him notice earlier today of this question.

The minister is aware of the Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting, which is the sixth largest source of sulphur dioxide emissions in Canada, over 250,000 tonnes in 1990, must start to modernize now in order to meet the Canadian SO₂ by 1994.

Will the minister confirm that the federal government will participate in the modernization plan through loan financing? While he is on his feet, will he also assure the communities and workers affected that the final decision will be made soon?

Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Madam Speaker, I thank the hon. member for the courtesy he extended to me by giving me notice of this question.

The hon. member will know that there have been negotiations on HBMS for some period of time. It is in conjunction with what we are celebrating today, namely the accord that is being signed between our country and the United States. With the seven eastern provinces, including Manitoba in that configuration, we were party to reducing SO₂ emissions.

I can tell the hon. member from the federal point of view that we have concluded our negotiations. I believe the province of Manitoba has also accepted that and we have also conveyed that to HBMS. In fact, I have conveyed to the other two parties that whenever they are ready to sign the agreement we stand ready to sign it. I think we will do it literally within days if suitable dates can be found.

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CSIS

Mr. David Kilgour (Edmonton Southeast): Madam Speaker, my question is to the Solicitor General.

Will the minister tell the House why Ryszard Paszkowski of Edmonton was sent by CSIS to Rome during the summer of 1986?

Hon. Pierre H. Cadieux (Solicitor General of Canada): Madam Speaker, I would just like to remind my hon. colleague that he tabled an Order Paper Question to that effect, I believe on March 7 or 8, and it will be replied to at an appropriate time.

Mr. David Kilgour (Edmonton Southeast): Madam Speaker, the Solicitor General should be aware that a government travel document was provided by CSIS to Paszkowski that summer. This has been documented by Richard Cleroux in his book *Official Secrets*.

My supplementary question is for the Acting Minister of Employment and Immigration. Excuse me for putting it in English.

Mr. Paszkowski's wife, Elzbieta, has recently been found, as the minister knows, to be a refugee in Canada. The minister's own department is seeking to expel him. Will the minister not intervene in this case to allow her