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AIRPORTS**STE-SCHOLASTIQUE—REVIEW OF EXPROPRIATED OWNERS' GRIEVANCES**

Mr. Francis Fox (Argenteuil-Deux-Montagnes): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the hon. Minister of Transport.

In view of the fact that the Ste-Scholastique expropriated land owners have serious grievances to air concerning the treatment they have received in comparison with those of Pickering, can the minister advise the House whether he intends to look into these and bring about the necessary corrections?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the hon. Minister of Public Works advised the House a moment ago that we intended to go very shortly to Ste-Scholastique to learn first hand of these grievances and make sure that the expropriated owners are fairly treated.

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ENERGY**TAR SANDS OIL—NEGOTIATIONS WITH SYNCRUDE RESPECTING POSSIBLE WRITE OFF OF ALBERTA'S SHARE OF EARNINGS IN COMPUTING TAXABLE INCOME**

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct this question either to the Minister of Finance or to the Minister of National Revenue. Jurisdiction appears to be shared between them.

Has either of the ministers taken part in any negotiations with Syncrude, in order that the development may proceed and a secure supply of crude petroleum can be obtained, with respect to a write-off from the taxable income of the Syncrude group of the 50 per cent which the province of Alberta will get out of the project when developed? Has there been any discussion along those lines so that the project may proceed and secure supplies of crude petroleum can be assured?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): My colleague, the Minister of National Revenue, says that he replies "no" to that question. I did have conversations, not with Syncrude but with the Minister of Finance of the province of Alberta, and I expect to be meeting him next week together with two of his colleagues.

Mr. Woolliams: Can the minister tell the House at this stage whether a decision has been reached by the federal government with respect to a write-off concerning this project which will go ahead if the federal government creates the proper atmosphere?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): I think the hon. gentleman would expect me to listen to the representations of the government of Alberta and, indeed, in due course, to the representations of the company in order that I might have all the facts available before making a decision.

**Oral Questions
FISHERIES****SUGGESTED SUBSIDY FOR REPLACEMENT OF OBSOLETE VESSELS AND SHIPS LOST AT SEA**

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I have a suggestion for the Minister of Fisheries which may help lower the unemployment rate. When announcing a three-month freeze in August on construction subsidies for all new fishing vessels the minister stated that this action was taken to achieve a controlled development of the fleet. In view of recently released figures which show a decline in Canada's groundfish landings, would the minister reconsider his action and at least make subsidies available immediately for the replacement of obsolete vessels presently used for fishing, as well as assistance for the replacement of ships lost at sea due to fire or storms?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries): The problem, Mr. Speaker, is that the hon. member's pessimism about the prospects of the fishery is not shared by those who are building fishing vessels. There has been a tremendous increase in the number of fishing vessels being built, to such an extent that our subsidy moneys have all been used up and we are having to make more funds available. Obviously the industry thinks that prospects are bright. We have simply tried to shave off the peak off what is an exceptional building boom and spread it out over a longer period.

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Mr. Crouse: Mr. Speaker, I asked a specific question of the minister in view of the fact he has placed a deliberate moratorium on the construction of all fishing vessels and he has not answered it. I will repeat it because obviously he did not hear it. I ask the minister whether he will reconsider his action and make assistance available to replace ships now fishing that are obsolete or ships that are lost at sea due to fire or storm? I submit such action would not increase the fishing effort—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Crouse: —but would retain the status quo.

Mr. Davis: That is a new question, Mr. Speaker. The hon. member probably knows that we are considering another type of subsidy for the conversion, upgrading and otherwise of existing vessels.

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HOUSING**ACTION TO REDUCE MORTGAGE INTEREST RATES**

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. In view of the fact that 96 per cent of all NHA loans being made in the metro Toronto region go to people with incomes exceeding \$10,000 a year, or family incomes above that figure, which means that the poor and people with average incomes are getting nothing, can the minister announce whether the government intends to do anything about bringing mortgage rates down soon?