

**Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of Public Works):** Madam Speaker, this is the first notice I have had of the points raised by the hon. member. Quite frankly I am surprised that any eviction notices went out, because in mid-September I instructed the president of the corporation, attending present discussions on housing and the representations which were made by the public generally, that no notices should go out. I am happy to take the representations to heart. I will bring them to the attention of the corporation immediately.

#### STAY OF EVICTIONS SOUGHT

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill):** Madam Speaker, I have a letter from the CMHC office in Thompson, Manitoba, dated October 21, 1981. It demands payment or eviction by October 26. It is a form letter; just the date and the amount are filled in, so obviously it is not something new. Could the minister assure us that if these people make partial payments, which is reasonable under the circumstances, they will not be evicted? It is a matter of immediate concern to those people.

**Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of Public Works):** Madam Speaker, I indicated the immediate response I would take, that is, to have the president of the corporation contact the local branch and that any notice of eviction would be stayed for the time being. I will take the representations and convey them to the corporation to take a look at the situation, if indeed it is as alarming as the hon. member pointed out.

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#### ENERGY

##### EAST COAST OFFSHORE EXPLORATION PERMITS

**Mr. Maurice Harquail (Restigouche):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. The minister recently concluded his third agreement on oil pricing and taxation with a producing province. He is presently attempting to reach similar agreements on offshore oil with the governments of Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and British Columbia. Could the minister indicate to the House, in light of these talks, what is happening on the deadline for submitting proposals relating to the new east coast offshore exploration lands in Atlantic Canada?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Madam Speaker, certain exploration permits were being considered for issuance by November 10 on significant blocks of land on the east coast. However, the government of Newfoundland requested that we extend the delay for issuing those permits until the conclusion of our discussions in February. In the spirit of compromise and good faith, and in order to advance the discussions and the negotiations, I have decided to extend the delay for consideration of those permits until February 28 and thus fully answer the request made by members of the government of Newfoundland in order to accommodate them in our discussions.

**Mr. Clark:** That would be a good date for VIA Rail.

#### Oral Questions AGRICULTURE

##### QUERY RESPECTING STABILIZATION PAYMENTS TO APPLE GROWERS

**Mr. J. R. Ellis (Prince Edward-Hastings):** Madam Speaker, I have a couple of questions for the Minister of Agriculture which I will try to compile into one. The minister will be aware that the apple crop in 1980 was overly large and that stabilization payments should have been made then. Also he will be aware that in the winter of 1980-81 there was a tremendous amount of winter kill on the trees. First, when will the stabilization be paid for the 1980 crop of apples? Second, will he put any program into place to assist orchard growers who lost up to 40 and 50 per cent of their trees in the winter kill of 1980-81?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** Madam Speaker, I am sure the hon. member is aware that we make no payment for losses which can be covered by crop insurance. If I understand correctly, there may be reason to pay in one of the provinces where such coverage was not available to farmers.

Yes, we have submitted figures for the stabilization payment for the crop production year of 1980. I think our submission is around \$20 million. Yes, it will be considered very soon. I met with the Canadian Horticultural Council this morning to discuss that figure.

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#### ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

##### PROSTITUTION IN VANCOUVER

**Miss Pat Carney (Vancouver Centre):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the acting minister of justice because the Minister of Justice is not in the House today. I know the hon. member is aware of serious problems which are experienced by residents of the west end of Vancouver because of the presence of prostitutes and pimps on their streets. He knows that the residents have organized themselves into a group called "Concerned Residents of the West End," to protect themselves. We are talking here about passion in the parking lots and clients in the churches of the residential neighbourhood. The hon. member is also aware that the people in our area feel that the prostitutes have turned the neighbourhood into a sexual marketplace, as the residents constantly write me.

In light of the need for stronger federal legislation to deal with this problem, why is it not on the agenda for the federal-provincial justice ministers' meeting which will be held next week?

**Mr. Jim Peterson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Social Development):** Madam Speaker, I am very pleased to respond to the question of the hon. member. I have had the opportunity to enter into