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Mr. Andras: Mr. Speaker, I would not make such a decision at this stage.

## NATIONAL PARKS

REASON FOR MANITOBA GOVERNMENT CEASING NEGOTIATIONS FOR SECOND PARK

Mr. Joseph-Philippe Guay (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Is the reason the Manitoba government has stopped negotiations with the federal government for establishment of another national park in Manitoba that there has been a change in the federal policy on parks or are there any other reasons?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I do not understand very much the government of Manitoba because as I said before in the House, the then member for Selkirk asked me the same question. I think it is a problem he has. He has more difficulty coping with the mining interests than I had when I established new parks in the north.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Yorkton-Melville.

## HEALTH

REQUEST FOR TABLING OF REPORT ON PREPACKAGING OF CERTAIN PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO CUT COST

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Last Friday I asked the Acting Prime Minister whether or not he would make public a confidential government report dealing with the cutting back of drug prices by prepackaging. This report has been leaked to the press. The Acting Prime Minister told me he would ask the minister whether or not he would make the report public and I ask him now whether or not he will?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, that whole subject matter is the responsibility of my colleague the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. I believe the question should be directed to him.

Mr. Nystrom: May I have an answer to the question then?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for South Shore.

Mr. Crouse: Mr. Speaker, I have a question-

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I apologize to the hon. member, especially because he has been so patient over the last 40 minutes. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Yorkton-Melville on a point of order and the last question will be the one to be asked by the hon. member for South Shore.

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Nystrom: Mr. Speaker, I believe the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs did not hear my question. Perhaps I may repeat it. On Friday I asked the Acting Prime Minister whether or not he would make public a confidential government document on cutting back drug prices by prepackaging. The Acting Prime Minister said he would take it up with the responsible minister. Can the minister say now whether or not that report will be made public?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I will give that consideration and report back.

## HARBOURS

SMALL CRAFT FACILITIES—TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATION— MINISTER TO WHOM PETITIONS TO BE DIRECTED

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works. The Minister of the Environment today in Vancouver is making a very important policy announcement wherein he states that the administration of small craft harbours at long last is being transferred from the federal Department of Transport to the federal fisheries services and that they will be asking commercial fishermen who want additional services provided for their fleets to organize local committees and submit their proposals to the Minister of the Environment. My question to the minister is, has this change been considered in the cabinet and will we on this side of the House in future be directing any petitions we receive for new additional public wharves or facilities such as skidways and so on, or for dredging, from fishermen in Atlantic Canada to the Minister of the Environment or to the Minister of Public Works.

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I believe I should first read the statement made by my colleague before I am called upon to make any comment on it.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

## **AGRICULTURE**

POTATOES—RESPONSE TO REPRESENTATIONS FOR ACTION TO RELIEVE DEPRESSED MARKET—POSSIBLE DIVERSION TO STOCK FEED

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. On Friday last the President of the Privy Council as Acting Prime Minister undertook to provide specific answers to two or three urgent questions from me in respect of the disposal of potatoes in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. I wonder whether the President of the Privy Council has conveyed those questions to the minister and whether there will be any information forthcoming?