

tive arrangements with regard to these problems. We agree with Quebec and with the province of Ontario as to the participation of their representatives abroad, but in connection with the ultimate selection or rejection, that would have to be the subject of ongoing discussions and consultation.

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### SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

#### OCEANOGRAPHIC STUDIES—INCLUSION OF POSSIBILITY OF TUNNEL OR CAUSEWAY TO BRING ELECTRICITY TO NEWFOUNDLAND

**Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Science and Technology. In a recent announcement the minister indicated that a study of the Gulf of St. Lawrence would be included in the larger oceanographic studies that are being done. I wonder if she could now indicate, in view of the interest of the northern part of Newfoundland, if the terms of reference indicate a study of a crossing between Labrador and Newfoundland with a view to bringing electrical power across through a tunnel or causeway?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jeanne Sauvé (Minister of State for Science and Technology):** Mr. Speaker, I did not announce such a project because it is under review at the present time in the interdepartmental committee on oceans.

The project to which the hon. member referred to is a study of a rather fundamental nature. It would not deal with the practical matter he is interested in, namely the feasibility of laying an underwater cable under in the area he mentioned. However, this general review could be used as a reference in case it would be desirable to lay an underwater cable.

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### REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

#### INQUIRY AS TO FEASIBILITY STUDY OF CONSTRUCTION OF VEHICULAR TUNNEL BETWEEN LABRADOR AND NEWFOUNDLAND

**Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In view of the answer just received, and in view of the consultation that is taking place on an inter-ministerial basis on such subjects as the Quebec-Labrador highway, the development of the Lower Churchill and the need for installing a cable between Labrador and Newfoundland, are any discussions taking place that go beyond just laying a cable on the bottom of the sea and take into consideration the construction of a vehicular tunnel or some kind of crossing?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, the government of Newfoundland some weeks ago submitted to my colleague, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, and to me copies of a feasibility study with regard to the transmitting of

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power across the Strait of Belle Isle to Newfoundland. It was a very complex and technical document. It is my recollection that it contemplates a cable system rather than a tunnel but I would have to get some expert and technical advice before answering in detail.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Chair indicated a moment ago that we have reached the end of the question period but I gather that the hon. Leader of the Opposition would like to ask a supplementary question. Perhaps by consent he should be recognized, after which the Chair will call orders of the day.

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### ENERGY

#### ATHABASCA TAR SANDS—FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO CONTROL OF RATE OF DEVELOPMENT

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, it is not a supplementary but it is short and directed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. He has indicated that the tar sands cannot be developed at the rate that some quarters in the United States have indicated they would like. Is it the position of the government of Canada and of the minister that the federal government intends to regulate the rate at which the tar sands in Alberta could be developed under the auspices of the government of Alberta?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** No, sir. My purpose in saying so was not to create false expectations on the part of the United States that there would be a fast rate of development. We have, on a number of occasions in meetings with the Alberta government, emphasized again the development of this resource for the purpose of the Canadian market. They have given undertakings that in due course they would have full scale consultation on the oil sands. I think it is fair to say, because of other questions, we have not dealt with this but we look forward to having an early response from the government of Alberta on this question so that we can formulate our own expectations about oil sands development so that we can be sure, in turn, of adequate supplies of oil for Canadians.

**Mr. Dick:** Mr. Speaker, a point of order. In the last three weeks I have risen on eight days during the question period, to put a question to the Solicitor General, of which I have given him notice. I would appreciate it if you would consider giving recognition to this corner tomorrow. Thank you.

**Mr. Speaker:** Orders of the day: