

Oral Questions

industry on the extension of pipeline facilities." The vagueness of his statement in *Hansard* has apparently deceived both the Minister of Energy and myself. Can the Prime Minister inform me whether a secondary or clarifying statement was made on September 4, and if so, where was it made?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I would have to check what other words were used following those in regard to the pipeline. It is true that at that time I made a statement in the words quoted, but since that time, as I indicated last night on television, I have had many discussions with my colleagues and with industry and the private sector. We are going ahead with that decision. I agree that those words were perhaps not uttered at that time with the knowledge we have since acquired in regard to ways of going about this.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps the Chair might be allowed to recognize briefly the hon. member for Cape Breton-The Sydneys and the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre before calling orders of the day.

COAL—POSSIBLE OPENING OF NEW MINES IN CAPE
BRETON—SUGGESTIONS TO CAPE BRETON
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether I could return to the comments of the Prime Minister last night and direct this question to him as he made reference at that time to coal, among other sources of energy. Would the Prime Minister advise whether the government has given any specific advice or made any suggestions to the Cape Breton Development Corporation regarding further research and investigation into the possibility and feasibility of new coal mine openings in the Cape Breton area which, as the right hon. gentleman knows, is a matter that comes directly within the purview of the Cape Breton Development Corporation?

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Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I would have to take that question as notice and discuss it with the minister responsible for the Cape Breton Development Corporation and with the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and hope to get a reply.

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WELFARE

ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY ON FUEL COSTS—SUGGESTION
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PAY 100 PER CENT OF INCREASED
COST

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the peripatetic Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Now that he has walked back to his seat, perhaps I can put the question to him. When the minister discusses with the provinces

[Mr. McKinnon.]

the federal government's willingness to help Canadians meet the increasing costs of heating their homes this winter, and presumably this is under the Canada Assistance Plan, will he offer to pay out of federal funds more than the 50 per cent provided under the Canada Assistance Plan, preferably 75 per cent or even 100 per cent?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): That is not my intention, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

Mr. McGrath: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I have a very urgent and important question for the Minister of National Defence.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member knows that the Chair has no objection to allowing a member to ask a question or a minister to reply even after the question period has expired. There has been an extension of a few minutes and there are obviously a number of members who are still anxious to ask what I am sure are important and urgent questions. I would hope the hon. member could obtain the information he is seeking by some other means.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

PROTECTION OF PRIVACY BILL

CREATION OF OFFENCES RELATED TO INTERCEPTION OF
PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS BY CERTAIN DEVICES

The House resumed, from Thursday, November 22, consideration of Bill C-176, to amend the Criminal Code, the Crown Liability Act and the Official Secrets Act, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee of Justice and Legal Affairs.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. My understanding of the situation in relation to motions in respect of Bill C-176 is that motion No. 1 was allowed to stand; motion No. 2 was debated and allowed to stand but the debate is to be completed after we have considered motion No. 3, and that motion Nos. 3 and 4 were allowed to stand yesterday on the understanding that motion No. 3 would be debated as the first item today when government orders were called. I would, therefore, call motion No. 3.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert) moved:

That Bill C-176, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Crown Liability Act and the Official Secrets Act, be amended in Clause 2:

(a) by deleting lines 33 and 34 inclusive at page 2 and substituting therefor:

"authorization or any person"

(b) by deleting lines 8 to 44 inclusive at page 7, lines 1 to 39 inclusive at page 8, lines 1 to 13 inclusive at page 9, lines 23 to 28 inclusive at page 11, lines 13 to 34 inclusive at page 17, and lines 29 to 32 inclusive at page 18.

He said: Mr. Speaker, may I begin by thanking the members of this House who arranged, when this item was called last evening, to have it put over until today. I