

## Oral Questions

[Translation]

## ENERGY

## SURVEY OF OIL AND GAS PATENTS IN ORDER TO REDUCE USE OF PRODUCTS

**Mr. Gilles Caouette (Charlevoix):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.

The minister having just advised the House that there is no shortage of oil in Canada and that in spite of this the consumers have had to bear the brunt of price increases in recent months, does he intend to ask his department to review the registration of patents and list those liable to reduce the consumption of heating oil and gas used by vehicles? If so, will he increase publicity intended to encourage their application, even though some inventions were turned down in the past to protect oil companies?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** No, Mr. Speaker, but I shall take note of the suggestion of the hon. member.

**Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue):** Mr. Speaker, a supplementary.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Témiscamingue on a supplementary. I must point out to the House that we have reached the end of the question period. I shall still allow the hon. member to put his supplementary.

**Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue):** Mr. Speaker, I could very well put my question to the Prime Minister since I do not think that the government oil policy is established without his knowledge.

Since the government is asking the staff and members of parliament to set an example by saving energy, we can see that in parliament, at the restaurants, ladies have to wear more clothes and the Leader of the Opposition is just about dying from the flue. Here and there, complaints are heard concerning the low temperature in the building and as far as I am concerned, my hands are always cold. So, I must come to an understanding with the minister. Is he prepared to come and keep my hands warm if we cannot get more energy?

**Mr. Speaker:** I suppose that this is a suggestion which will be considered.

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, if the leader of the Social Credit Party of Canada will hold my hand Monday night, I shall be most pleased to warm his.

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Burnaby-Richmond-Delta and then call orders of the day.

[Mr. Gleave.]

## AIRPORTS

PICKERING, STE. SCHOLASTIQUE AND SEA ISLAND—  
GOVERNMENT OFFERS TO PEOPLE WHOSE LANDS HAVE  
BEEN EXPROPRIATED

**Mr. John Reynolds (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Public Works. Can the minister explain to the House why the government has offered the people of Pickering and Ste. Scholastique an additional 10 per cent on the purchase of their lands to cover the cost of living and in British Columbia the government tries to tell the people that it has been included in the price?

**Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Public Works):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. The same principle that prevailed at Pickering will also prevail at Sea Island, and 10 per cent has been incorporated in the offer to the people of Sea Island.

**Mr. Reynolds:** In the minister's reply he said that the same principle will apply. The question was, why did you offer an additional 10 per cent in Pickering but for Sea Island you tell people it is included in the price? Do they think they are stupid?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

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## THE ROYAL ASSENT

**Mr. Speaker:** Before calling orders of the day, the Chair will deliver the following message:

I have the honour to inform the House that a communication has been received which reads as follows:

Government House,  
Ottawa, 5 December, 1973

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Right Honourable Gérard Fauteux, P.C., Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber today, December 5th, at 5:45 p.m. for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to certain bills.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
André Garneau  
Brigadier General  
Administrative Secretary  
to the  
Governor General

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## BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order in relation to the item of business that is to be considered today, and also in relation to the