

Inquiries of the Ministry

the next session under another number, it will still contain the provisions that are in it now respecting technological change?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, when the bill comes back the philosophy of that section will remain but it probably will be amended and improved upon. That will depend not on the volume of mail but on the quality of briefs and representations made to me in the interval and to the standing committee of Labour, Manpower and Immigration of which the hon. member is a member.

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MANPOWER**CO-OPERATIVE FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL APPROACH TO SOLVE UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM**

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. In view of the continuing problem of unemployment and in view of the failure of the federal-provincial conference to come to grips with that problem, does the government have any plans for a more co-operative approach on the part of the provincial governments and the federal government in regard to manpower, particularly in view of the consortium approach being developed in Alberta?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am not clear as to what—

Mr. MacInnis: Read Turner's speech.

Mr. Trudeau: I will.

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HOUSING**STABILIZATION OF INFLATIONARY FORCES—DISCUSSION WITH PROVINCES AND INDUSTRY**

Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. In light of last month's .7 increase in prices in the housing sector and predictions by experts in this sector that stop and start federal housing policies are leading to a new round of inflation in housing, is the government going to discuss with the provinces and the housing industry ways to stabilize inflationary forces in the house building industry? If so, when will such talks be held?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the stop and start aspect of the matter in my opinion has no validity now because there has been a sustained supply of mortgage funds for almost three years at an unprecedented rate in this country. In fact, we will exceed the target of 220,000 housing starts set for this year by a considerable margin. With regard to other factors causing increased housing costs, we are constantly seeking solutions in consultation with the provinces. Actually there has been a considerable degree of encouragement in getting a mandate to pursue better

[Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre).]

consultative mechanisms, flowing from the federal-provincial conference held earlier this week.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I believe the hon. member for Gander-Twillingate has a supplementary to a previous question.

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TRANSPORT**RECOMMENDED CLASSIFICATION OF OFFSHORE DRILLING RIGS AS CANADIAN PORTS—AMENDMENT OF CANADA SHIPPING ACT**

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport and is supplementary to an earlier question by the hon. member for South Shore. Can the minister say whether the recommendation of the Darling report that offshore drilling rigs be classified as Canadian ports will be accepted, and will there be an amendment to the Canada Shipping Act to accommodate that recommendation?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I cannot give a categorical answer because, as the hon. member is aware, I have asked for representations from all the affected parties. A great many have been received and there is quite a diversity of views on this subject. In a general way I think I can answer by saying it is my position, and I believe I reflect the government's position, that we want as much Canadian involvement as possible in this offshore drilling and, hopefully, our actions will reflect that desire.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE**SALE OF YUKON AIRCRAFT—ESTIMATED LIFE—CERTIFICATES OF AIRWORTHINESS**

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence and relates to the 11 Yukon aircraft which, according to reports this morning, have been sold for \$100,000 each. What was the estimated life of these aircraft? In other words, how long were they still good for and did they all carry certificates of airworthiness?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, the aircraft do not have certificates of airworthiness and it was for that reason that we had difficulty in disposing of them at a favourable price. The arrangement for sale involves placing one of the aircraft with Canadair for purposes of refitting and trials to see if it can be brought up to airworthiness standards. Therefore it is difficult to say at the moment what length of life remains for these aircraft. Of course, from now on that will remain the problem of the purchaser and not of the Department of National Defence.