

Business of the House

[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

Ninth report of Standing Committee on Agriculture, in both official languages—Mr. Smith (Saint-Jean).

[Editor's Note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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[English]

ENERGY

TABLING OF TASK FORCE REPORT ENTITLED "SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR CANADA'S ENERGY NEEDS"

Hon Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I should like to table, in both official languages, copies of the report of the task force on energy, research and development entitled "Science and Technology for Canada's Energy Needs".

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**CRIMINAL CODE, CROWN LIABILITY ACT,
IMMIGRATION ACT, PAROLE ACT**

**JURISDICTION GIVEN TO CANADIAN COURTS TO TRY
PERSONS FOR CERTAIN OFFENCES COMMITTED OUTSIDE
CANADA**

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-71, to amend the Criminal Code and to make related amendments to the Crown Liability Act, the Immigration Act and the Parole Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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CRIMINAL RECORDS ACT

**PROVISION TO ENSURE THAT CHARGES RESULTING IN
ABSOLUTE OR CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE DO NOT APPEAR ON
CRIMINAL RECORD**

Mr. Frank Maine (Wellington) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-406, to amend the Criminal Records Act.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Maine: The purpose of this bill is to ensure that any person who is given an absolute or conditional discharge by a court is automatically relieved of the stigma of a criminal record. As the law now stands such a person suffers undue hardship as a result of the lengthy procedure involved in obtaining a pardon.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

[Mr. Speaker.]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk)

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 2,484, 2,519, 2,537, 2,571, 2,584, 2,628, 2,782, 2,784, 2,827 and 2,870.

Mr. Speaker, if questions Nos. 1,784 and 2,533 could be made orders for return, these returns would be tabled immediately.

I ask Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

CNR—ACQUISITION OF GULF TERMINAL RAILWAY LTD.

Question No. 2,484—Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue):

1. On February 17, 1975, did the Canadian National Railways acquire the Canada and Gulf Terminal Railway Limited and, if so, at what cost?

2. Has Canada and Gulf Terminal Railway Limited received subsidies from the government and, if so (a) what was the amount (b) on what date?

3. Had Canada and Gulf Terminal Railway Limited received land or other grants from the government?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): 1. On February 17, 1975 the president of the C. & G.T. Railway Company officially accepted on behalf of the principal shareholders of the company an offer made by Canadian National to purchase this line. This offer is subject to certain conditions that are currently under negotiation, and to the approval of competent authorities, federal and provincial.

2. For construction, a federal subsidy of \$210,053.39 was paid under the Railway Subsidies Act of 1906. The Canada and Gulf Terminal Railway Co. received payments under the authority of the Maritime Freight Rates Act for each year from 1927 through January, 1975 in the total amount of \$1,374,189.20. Also, under the National Transportation Act in respect of calendar years 1959-1974 payments were received totaling \$661,364.00.

3. There were no land grants from the federal government. The Quebec government provided a grant of 147,713 acres under the authority of Quebec statute, Edward VII, Chapter 2, 1904.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT—EMPLOYEES

Question No. 2,519—Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain):

1. As of May 15, 1975, how many persons were hired (a) through the Public Service Commission (b) under contract by the Department of the Environment for duties relating primarily to the (i) implementation (ii) administration of the proposed Environmental Contaminants Act?

2. In each case, what was the date of the original employment or commencement of contract?

Mr. Len Marchand (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of the Environment): 1. None.

2. Not applicable.