

the Indians' claims for their ammunition money for the past 97 years?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, we got a recommendation from commissioner Barber to that effect. We are considering this recommendation and we will inform the House when a decision has been taken.

[English]

REQUEST FOR TABLING OF STANBURY-FIELDS REPORT

Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development on another matter.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair has recognized the hon. member for Comox-Alberni and will return to a supplementary by the hon. member for Calgary North in a moment.

Mr. Barnett: Mr. Speaker, my question for the minister concerns the request for tabling of the Stanbury-Fields report and the response of the parliamentary secretary during the adjournment debate on May 1 when he said in effect that the federal government would have tabled the report if it could have secured the concurrence of the government of British Columbia. Later a public statement by the British Columbia Minister of Municipal Affairs was reported in which he denied the allegation that the report was being kept confidential because the British Columbia government had not assented to its being made public. Would the minister recheck the information on which the statement of the parliamentary secretary was based? Alternatively, would he inquire whether the British Columbia government has changed its original position on this matter?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indians Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware that the government of British Columbia has changed its position on that subject. If it has, however, and is ready to allow us to table the report, we will be glad to do so.

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[English]

ENERGY

POSSIBILITY OF SUGGESTED MACKENZIE VALLEY CORRIDOR FOLLOWING PROPOSED HIGHWAY ROUTE—INQUIRY AS TO DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, having regard to the original question about an energy corridor down the Mackenzie Valley and the Prime Minister's announcement of a new highway to the north, may I ask him whether there have been any discussions or negotiations with regard to having the energy corridor follow that highway down through Alberta to bring energy supplies from the north to the industrial centers of Canada and elsewhere?

Inquiries of the Ministry

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, when the member asks whether there were any discussions I am not sure with whom he means the discussions might have taken place. There were, of course, discussions within the federal government and cabinet, and the purport of my decision was to indicate that we would be planning the road and the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has already said that surveys are proceeding along that basis. The intention would be to have a road which preferably could be the core of such an energy corridor down the Mackenzie Valley.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

PROVISION OF FUNDS TO UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA INDIANS RESPECTING HUMAN RIGHTS PROPOSAL

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydenys): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State. Would the Secretary of State be good enough to investigate the claim of the President of the Union of Nova Scotia Indians that moneys approved in principle by the minister's officials for the human rights proposal submitted by the union have been held up and no explanation given? Would the minister be good enough to use his good offices to expedite the matter as soon as possible?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I do not know what the hon. member is talking about. I shall inquire and I am confident that everything relating to grants to Indian associations is considered by the government very quickly.

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[English]

AGRICULTURE

PROGRAM TO CONTROL SWAMP FEVER IN HORSES—AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Agriculture. Can the minister say whether the program for control of swamp fever in horses will be compulsory, and what compensation will be paid for infected animals?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, the requirement to have horses subjected to a test or indeed to be slaughtered should they show positive results from the test is not compulsory. There will be compulsory quarantine if a horse should have a positive reaction to the test. There will be a compensation program effective as of yesterday, and the details of the amounts will be announced shortly.

Mr. Foster: Would the minister consider making the compensation for these animals retroactive to January 1, 1971?

Mr. Speaker: Of course, that is a representation. The hon. member for Edmonton East.