

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, we cannot at this time say whether we would accede to a request for the construction of a pipeline for oil and another for gas. We are studying the situation and, when applications have been received with regard to this, the government will make a decision. We cannot do so at the present time.

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[English]

## YOUTH

## INVESTIGATION OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM IN ORDER TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS

**Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris):** My question is for the right hon. Prime Minister. In light of the statement of the Secretary of State to the annual conference of the Social Development Council of Canada that the privileged classes received greater benefits from the Opportunities for Youth program than did the people who needed it most, is the Prime Minister now going to initiate an inquiry into specifically who benefited from the \$67 million in student employment funds this summer so that programs designed to meet the real areas of need may be devised?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I have not seen the statement, but it is obvious that if the Secretary of State mentioned this it was because he had in mind looking for ways of improving the program. As the House knows, the Secretary of State has asked that a report be made on the success or otherwise of this summer's program. I am sure that as soon as possible he will be coming to the House with a report on that and, hopefully, we will be looking at ways in which we can spend the taxpayers' money even better in the future.

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## HOUSING

## LAVAL, QUEBEC—REQUEST FOR REPORT ON INVESTIGATION OF PROJECT

**Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West):** My question is to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. Last week I asked him a question concerning the situation governing a condominium development called Les Abeilles. At that time the minister indicated that he would be making a study and would report to the House. At what stage is that study, and can he give us any factual information regarding the protection of the buyers, and also as to what efforts are being made to fix the responsibility for this ungodly mess?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** Without accepting the premise of the final comment of the hon. member, I think I did indicate in reply to him the other day that we had taken steps through CMHC to protect the buyers of houses in that project. We have indicated to them that CMHC, which has now assumed ownership through an arrangement for the benefit of creditors, will complete the homes and repair them where

necessary up to the standards set forth in the terms of the loan approval.

Second, we have indicated to the purchasers on record in that project that if they are in any way dissatisfied with the arrangement we will agree to get CMHC to repurchase the homes at any time during a period up to 18 months from now at the price they paid and allow them some consideration for expenses incurred if they wish to move.

As to the continuation of the review that is under way now, I have not received any final report. There are two prongs to that. One is within CMHC itself and, in addition, there is the commissioning of an independent technical report from a highly qualified and reputable firm of engineers—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I suggest to the minister that if he wishes to complete his answer it must be done by way of a statement on motions because we are running short of time.

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[Translation]

## TRADE

## MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE WORLD MARKET COMPETITION

**Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the hon. Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

What policy does the government plan to implement in view of the re-organization of trade blocks in the world, and how will the Canadian economy subsist in the next few years if it tolerates cost increases such as those we experienced in the last few years while being able to meet the competition on world markets?

**Mr. Speaker:** I suggest to the hon. member that his important question is so general that the hon. minister should normally answer by a statement on motions.

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[English]

## FINANCE

## PRESSURE FROM INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND TO REPEG CANADIAN DOLLAR

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North):** I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether the government and he as head of the government are receiving any pressure from the International Monetary Fund regarding the repegging of the Canadian dollar which at present appears to be rising and will rise above the value of the American dollar, making it even more difficult for Canada to be competitive in trade?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** As I told the hon. member yesterday or the day before, I know of no such pressure. I did say that the idea was being put forth from various sources. Everyone would like to see the other country do something about its currency in the hope that it itself would not have to take any hard decisions. There have been representations from the International