

like to know if there have been agreements or talks with allied of friendly powers to ensure that commitments are honoured on all sides.

Mr. Clark: Mr. Speaker, we have made plans and we have had talks with other countries. I must admit frankly to the House and to the hon. member that it is impossible, in such circumstance, to be absolutely certain of the efficiency of our plans, but we have made plans, we have developed a way of helping Canadians in Iran to get out of that country, if they or the Canadian government consider it necessary.

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INCOME TAX

INQUIRY WHY INDEXATION RATE FOR EXEMPTIONS NOT ANNOUNCED

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Saint-Maurice): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the Minister of Finance. Has the minister made a decision regarding the indexation of personal income tax exemptions, since traditionally the indexation rate was announced by the Minister of Finance in early November? We are now in late November and the indexation rate has not yet been made public by the minister.

[English]

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, that will be announced shortly, whatever the usual procedure is.

[Translation]

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, I wish to inform the Minister of Finance that the usual procedure was to make public those rates several weeks prior to January 1, because income tax return forms have to be printed, and the Minister of Finance cannot inform the Department of National Revenue without informing the public at the same time. Has the Minister of Finance made a decision and ordered the forms to be printed without making a public announcement?

[English]

Mr. Crosbie: Mr. Speaker, as the hon. questioner agrees, this is not a matter which has to be announced several weeks before January 1. It has not been announced yet, but it will be announced in time to meet those deadlines. The hon. gentleman does not need to worry. If his question really is whether there is going to be indexing, the answer is yes.

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SPORTS

FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR INDIAN ASSOCIATIONS

Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of State for Fitness and

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Amateur Sport. Considering that 85 per cent of our Indian population is under 26 years of age, and considering the many serious social problems which exist on our reserves—including delinquency and alcoholism—is the minister now ready to approve the five-year plan for sport and recreation submitted to him by the Indian associations of Canada and which has been in his hands for some time?

Hon. Steven E. Paproski (Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport and Multiculturalism): Mr. Speaker, I am glad that the hon. member had an opportunity to ask me this question. I met with the president, Noel Starblanket, on August 28. I met with him again just a week or so ago. The committee is preparing a five-year plan. I am to meet them in the middle of December to discuss their five-year plan. I hope by that time we can come to some agreement.

Mr. Allmand: Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that the plan has been in the minister's hands for some time now. I know he is going to be very saddened by certain events in Montreal on Sunday. Perhaps he can give us an answer before the weekend.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Paproski: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member for Davenport.

Mr. Paproski: I am not going to be saddened on either count.

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ENERGY

ELECTRICAL POWER GENERATION—GARRISON DIVERSION PROJECT

Mr. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of the Environment. It has to do with Canada's objection to the Garrison diversion project in the United States and the judgment of the International Joint Commission that it "would cause significant injury to health and property in Canada".

In addition, it is the intention of the NDP government of Saskatchewan to go ahead with coal-fired electrical generating plants without the installation of sulphur scrubbers and without waiting for the final report of the IJC. I would like to ask the minister if he can tell the House how the Government of Canada expects the United States to co-operate with us on the Garrison diversion project and other Canada-U.S. negotiations on environmental questions when we fail to co-operate with them on Saskatchewan electrical generation projects.

Hon. John A. Fraser (Postmaster General and Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member has raised an important question, and gives me an opportunity to clarify the situation.