

*Inquiries of the Ministry***ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**

RELEASE OF YVES GEOFFROY FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PENITENTIARY—INQUIRY AS TO ADVICE FROM SECURITY PLANNING AND RESEARCH GROUP

**Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Solicitor General. On September 21 last the minister stated that his security planning and research group would be giving advice regarding the Canadian penitentiary service and the National Parole Board. Can the minister now inform the House whether he or his department had the benefit of such advice with regard to the release of Mr. Geoffroy?

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**ENERGY**

SUPPORT OF FURTHER GAS AND OIL EXPLORATION TO REDUCE NEED TO INCREASE PRICES TO CONSUMERS

**Mr. Mac T. McCutcheon (Lambton-Kent):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources but in his absence I will direct it to his parliamentary secretary. In view of recent predictions by western natural gas producers of increased prices and in light of the same indication to customers by Union Gas Company of Chatham, Ontario, has the government developed a policy to support further gas and oil exploration so that increasing reliance on increased prices to consumers can be mitigated?

**Mr. Jack Cullen (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I will take notice of that question for the minister.

SUGGESTED ANALYSIS OF PRICE CONSEQUENCES OF REFUSAL BY ENERGY BOARD TO GRANT GAS EXPORT APPLICATIONS

**Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre):** The parliamentary secretary may as well take notice of this supplementary and a couple of others that go along with it. In light of statements by natural gas producers at the Alberta gas hearings that the National Energy Board's decision to reject the recent gas export bid will likely lead to higher gas prices for private and industrial gas consumers, has the government or the National Energy Board prepared an analysis of the price consequences of that decision and, if so, will it be made public?

**Mr. Jack Cullen (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I think it is fair to say that all decisions made by energy boards throughout the country are watched by the National Energy Board and the department very carefully.

**Mr. Paproski:** A further supplementary.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member will have to give other members a chance. He will be allowed one last supplementary and the Chair will then recognize the hon. member for Brant.

**Mr. Paproski:** In light of recent developments and uncertainties in the gas and oil industries, can the parlia-

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mentary secretary inform the House, or ask his minister to do so, when the long-promised energy policy will be made public?

**Mr. Cullen:** I believe the magic word is soon, Mr. Speaker.

[Later:]

POSSIBLE REVIEW BY NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD OF DECISION NOT TO GRANT GAS EXPORT APPLICATIONS

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North):** My supplementary question is supplementary to that asked by the hon. member for Edmonton Centre. It is directed to the Prime Minister. Having regard to the fact that the National Energy Board did not take into consideration the reserves which are present in the Arctic, and that the National Energy Board witnesses before the standing committee said there was no way of calculating those reserves or any reserves offshore at the present time, and since the Prime Minister said he was prepared to ask the Energy Board to review its decision, may I inquire whether he has asked for this review and, if so, when it will take place?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** If I correctly recall my answer at the time it was that I did not believe the government had any power to embark on a review of this situation.

**Mr. Woolliams:** It may be—I do not make anything of this—that the Prime Minister was misquoted during the recess, but in the news it came out he had stated he would ask for a review.

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**AGRICULTURE**

HOGS—ADJUSTMENT OF METHOD OF PAYING SUBSIDY IN CASES OF FARMERS' PARTNERSHIPS OR JOINT PRODUCTION UNITS

**Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant):** My question is directed to the Minister of Agriculture. Has the minister arrived at any decision or given serious consideration to an adjustment in the method of payment of the hog subsidy in those cases where farmers are operating in a partnership or where several farmers are operating in a joint production unit?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, we have given a great deal of consideration to this. What we are asking is that we be informed of all of the circumstances relating to the ownership and the number of people owning hogs that may have been sold to a packing house under the same name, if it is a corporation or whatever it may be. We certainly want to make rules that will be fair and equitable in this situation. As soon as we have this information we will try to accommodate that requirement.