

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Transport. I should like to ask him whether he would consider bringing the Prime Minister with him to the next meeting with the municipal authorities on housing, since the latter was so warmly received in Montreal during the weekend?

[Translation]

RENEWAL PROGRAM IN HULL

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Prime Minister.

Could he tell the house whether the federal government intends to give shortly some financial assistance to set up an urban renewal program for the city of Hull and its vicinity?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, for quite a long time the tripartite board in which the federal government and those of Quebec and Ontario are represented has been discussing the future of the national capital. It has gone through certain stages and the federal government is rather anxious to go ahead.

But, as we have always thought that federal-provincial co-operation is necessary, especially in that field which comes mostly under provincial jurisdiction, we are now more or less waiting for an agreement which has not yet been finalized. It remains, Mr. Speaker, that the federal government is rather eager to proceed.

[English]

OAKVILLE, ONT.—BOARDING UP OF UNITS

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport in his capacity as minister in charge of housing. Did Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation consider the needs for low income housing at Oakville, Ontario before boarding up some 70 housing units, and has the minister received requests that such housing be made available? If so, with what reaction?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I think that question, which is very similar to one asked previously, should be placed on the order paper or discussed at the time of adjournment.

Mr. McCleave: Ten o'clock.

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AIRPORTS

GANDER, NFLD.—STATUS OF ADMINISTRATION

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. Has the minister received a copy of a brief from the Gander civil service association regarding elevation of the airport administration to regional status? If so, what action does the government plan to take?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The question should be placed on the order paper.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

RIVERS, MAN.—POSSIBLE CLOSING OF CANADIAN FORCES BASE

Mr. Ed Schreyer (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Defence. The minister received an official delegation from Manitoba yesterday in relation to the announced closing of the Canadian Forces base at Rivers. My question is: Will the minister agree to table in this house or otherwise make public the document showing the timetable for the phasing out of those bases that are slated for phasing out?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): With respect, Mr. Speaker, I think the assertion of the hon. member that an announcement had been made on the closing of Rivers is incorrect. As we have indicated on many previous occasions, this is a marginal base and we are considering its future. As a result of the discussions which took place yesterday this matter will be investigated further, and—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

OIL

PRUDHOE BAY—COMMON CANADA-U.S. MARKET

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank you for recognizing me again. I should like to direct this question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce, and ask him whether the government task force on oil policy is currently studying the significance for Canada of the Prudhoe Bay discoveries, and has the government task force been asked to consider the possibility of a common market in oil between Canada and the United States?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, the task