

Adjournment Debate

tations about the problem the hon. member has raised, but the minister did not think it was appropriate to rush immediately to conclusions before those consultations had in fact begun. So I am a little hesitant tonight to proceed much farther down the road upon which the hon. member has embarked because, in a very real sense, that would be prejudging the conclusion to any particular consultations which may be undertaken.

However, I should like to explain the situation as it was known to CNR and to the ministry prior to the most recent development which the hon. member has mentioned. First, I should mention that the CNR main line through Winnipeg passes by the Canadian forces base between Kenaston and Wilkes Avenue. At present there are no residences within one quarter to one half a mile from that line. The area in question has been zoned for heavy industry. The CN development has been categorized as light industry. A federal government environmental study has been completed, and it recommended approval of the location as having no deleterious impact on the community. On this basis the federal order in council was passed.

A noise level study was conducted in the area, and the level at the proposed yard was found to be lower than on the streets of the Tuxedo area. The city of Winnipeg committee of the environment approved the location in 1974. The CN has investigated alternate sites, none of which has been found to meet the requirements of either the railway or the community. The CN has entered into a lease with the owner of the land selected.

My hon. friend invited the minister just a very few days ago to engage in further consultations with respect to this particular point. The minister has agreed to do so, and I do not think further comment should be made at this moment.

Mr. Paproski: That's what they said in Edmonton.

Mr. McKenzie: The environmental study is outdated.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock.

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 10:22 p.m.