

Oral Questions

he intends to relax his present policy in order to grant permits to work to those people seeking them?

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Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, to the degree that the lowering of unemployment means that Canadians would not be available or looking for particular jobs sought by visitors, yes; the policy has a self-relaxing portion built into it and permits would be granted.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION**CIP PLANT IN TEMISCAMING—PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE TO TEMBEC TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS**

Mr. Gilles Caouette (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

Could he say if new developments have occurred since Friday concerning the request of the TEMBEC group relating to the Temiscaming plant? Were there new meetings or are they being discussed?

[English]

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I cannot say anything more to the hon. member other than I answered that question for a relative of his on Monday, I believe it was. He might have a little family consultation about it and he will discover that progress is being made.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Crowfoot and then call orders of the day.

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INCOME TAX**SUGGESTED RELIEF FOR MASSEY-FERGUSON AND OTHER MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS—GOVERNMENT POSITION**

Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. Will he inform the House what he or his department is doing to explain the tax act, particularly that section affecting multinational corporations such as Massey-Ferguson, so that they would retain their head offices here in Canada?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I said during the debate earlier that we are reviewing foreign accrued income and we hope to allow a moratorium on this until 1975. We also hope to have an announcement to make well before that time.

Mr. Horner (Crowfoot): Under that vague assurance can we, as Canadians, rest assured that this once proud Canadian company which has done so well internationally will retain its head office in Canada?

[Mr. Caccia.]

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): I made that very point to Mr. Thornborough, the head of the company, when I saw him last week.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS**EMERGENCY GOLD MINING ASSISTANCE ACT**

EXTENSION TO JUNE 30, 1976

Hon. Jean Chrétien (for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources) moved that Bill C-130, to amend the Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act, as reported (without amendment) from the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Chrétien (for Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale)) moved that the bill be read the third time and do pass.

Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, before this bill receives third reading, a stage which I anticipate will be reached very shortly, I should like to comment on some of the explanations that were given at the committee stage which made it unnecessary for some amendments to be moved at the report stage which otherwise might have been moved. Over a period of time there had been considerable discussion concerning whether or not the first clause of this bill or, in fact, the title should be amended to make it a permanent feature. It was pointed out, and I think rightly so, that the "Emergency" part of the legislation carried with it an acknowledgement that there was not an intention to keep this industry under government subsidy indefinitely, and that world conditions probably would make any payments under this bill unlikely. I, for one, and the committee in general, were very appreciative of the deputy minister who outlined in some detail the method of calculation of emergency gold mining assistance. The committee was also appreciative of the work the deputy minister has done in relation to co-ordination with other government departments.

The suggestion was made that some publicity should be given to the federal contribution in those communities which have been dependent on gold mining assistance since 1958. Many of them have passed into limbo. Many of them are no longer communities. However, some of the communities in northern Ontario and northern Quebec are still in existence—and I think this is particularly true of Timmins today—with a totally different industry, partly because of the ability of the mining industry to survive with the assistance of this particular piece of legislation. The deputy minister also indicated that, in co-operation with other government departments, progress had been made in respect of the establishment of an interdepartmental committee to work with the communities, with community leaders, with the unions and with the management of the gold mining industry, to assist wherever possible in the introduction of other industries into that