

Oral Questions

Canada's greatest athlete Gene Kiniski, has protested the fact that professional wrestlers from India, Europe and the U.S.A. are entering Canada without work permits for the purpose of staging wrestling matches and depriving our Canadian athletes of jobs, would the minister have his departmental officials check out these so-called aliens so that Canadian wrestlers will find full-time employment and not start collecting unemployment insurance?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I will try and wrestle that one to the ground! Without knowing precisely the application of the work permit to that category, I believe there are certain exemptions that apply to professional entertainers. However, I will certainly take with the usual respect the hon. member's representation on behalf of his friends in that business and see what can be done.

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HOUSING**NON-PROFIT AND CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING—AMOUNT OF MONEY COMMITTED BY ONTARIO**

Mr. F. A. Philbrook (Halton): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of State for Urban Affairs responsible for housing. Has the minister any indication of the amount of funds actively committed this year by the province of Ontario to support non-profit and co-operative housing units?

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that the province of Ontario has allocated some \$200,000, none of which has been committed. In so far as CMHC is concerned, we have committed something over \$100,000 for core funding of the non-profit groups. With reference to non-profit housing itself, we have commitments or active programs under assessment of just over \$60 million in Ontario.

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AIRPORTS**PICKERING—REFUSAL OF ONTARIO TO PROVIDE ACCESS ROADS—DATE OF MEETING WITH ONTARIO MINISTER**

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Transport. Last week the Ontario government announced that it would not supply the roads and other infrastructures needed for the proposed Pickering airport. On that occasion the minister told the House that he would be conferring with Mr. Rhodes, the Ontario Minister of Transport, as to the full meaning or implication of his statement or the letter that he had written. May I now ask the minister when he expects to see Mr. Rhodes, and when will he make an announcement to the House, if it is still sitting, on the results of his interview?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I did propose to Mr. Rhodes that we meet next

[Mr. Paproski.]

Tuesday. That was not convenient to him and he proposed July 29, so I am trying to arrange a meeting for that day.

PICKERING—SURVEY CONDUCTED BY ELLIOT RESEARCH INDICATING MAJORITY OPPOSED TO PROJECT—MINISTER'S POSITION

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has the attention of the minister been called to a poll conducted by Elliot Research Limited in March, 1975 showing that in metropolitan Toronto 54 per cent were opposed to Pickering airport as compared to only 34 per cent in favour? In view of the fact that the minister promised he would not proceed with the airport if the people in the area did not want it, has he taken into account the result of this poll?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I have not seen the poll and I should like to see an analysis of the data and figures, if the hon. member would forward them to me.

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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS**POSSIBILITY COMPANY DIVERTING FREIGHT FOR NEWFOUNDLAND FROM PORT OF NORTH SYDNEY—REQUEST FOR REPORT**

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. In light of the disturbing fact that the tonnage of freight going through the port of North Sydney to the great province of Newfoundland has dropped very seriously during the past few weeks, resulting in fewer jobs being available, would the minister be good enough to use his good offices to check with Canadian National and see whether they are diverting freight through other ports to Newfoundland?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I will inquire into this and give an answer early next week.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**REASON FOR FAILURE TO DELAY SALE OF NUCLEAR REACTORS PENDING IMPROVEMENT OF SAFEGUARDS**

Mr. James Gillies (Don Valley): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs and is supplementary to the question asked by the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands. In terms of clarification, is it the position of the government that the delay in supplying reactors to countries like Korea, thereby slowing down their energy development sufficiently long in order to work out safeguards, would create more problems and difficulties and be of more concern to the world than the fact that providing these reactors might indeed add to nuclear proliferation around the world? The point that I want to get clear is this. Why does the government believe that it is doing something