[Translation]

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO PROVINCES TO MEET EDUCATIONAL COSTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Bernard Dumont (Frontenac): Mr. Speaker, yesterday in an answer to my question, the right honourable Prime Minister answered and I quote:

We are not among those who hold blindly to views of the past.

Could he tell me if taking into account the recommendations contained in the Aird Report of 1927 which recognizes to the provinces the exclusive legislative right in educational matters is to hold blindly to views of the past?

Mr. Speaker: This question is argumentive and I do not think that, as put, it is in order.

[English]

OIL

STUDY OF DEVELOPMENTS IN ALASKA AND NORTHERN CANADA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister which I intend to phrase in two parts. Will he be meeting within the next few days with Premier Manning of the province of Alberta in reference to setting up a special committee to study the oil industry in view of developments taking place in Alaska and the north; and has he agreed to have or has he had any discussions with Dr. Howland, chairman of the National Energy Board, in reference to such a study, as he recommended to a committee of this house?

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will have the pleasure of meeting with Mr. Manning tomorrow morning, as will some of my colleagues. I suppose he will want to raise this matter, but I have not had a discussion with the chairman as requested. I thank the hon. member for giving me an idea as to what the subject matter of that discussion might be.

Mr. Woolliams: I wonder whether I might ask one supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I do not say this by way of criticism. Dr. Howland mentioned that he was short of staff and short of money to make a study. Would the Prime Minister consider—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Would the hon. member ask a question?

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Mr. Woolliams: Yes, Mr. Speaker. But, with the greatest respect, I have to preface my question with these remarks so that the Prime Minister will understand it. Dr. Howland mentioned that he was short of money. I wonder whether the Prime Minister would consider discussing this matter with his colleagues. I refer to allocating money for this very important study which will be so important to the national revenue of Canada.

Mr. Trudeau: I will consider discussing it with my colleagues, yes, Mr. Speaker.

HUMAN RIGHTS

ANNIVERSARY OF UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSAL DECLARATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that today is the 20th anniversary of the United Nations universal declaration of human rights, I ask the Prime Minister a two fold question. First, is the government planning any statement on or commemoration of this very important day? Second, in view of the fact that Canada has given such full and complete endorsement of this universal declaration, is the government prepared to amend section 6(1) of the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act so that this act will not be in violation of but consistent with the express provisions and purposes of the United Nations' universal declaration, particularly article 20 (1)?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member is making a speech, and I suggest he should ask a question.

Mr. Thompson (Red Deer): The question has been asked, sir.

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for having brought to the attention of the house this very important anniversary. I had not planned to make a statement today. I just want to say that last week there was a conference held in Ottawa, as there were in other places in Canada, and the federal government played a large share in sponsoring them. I myself participated in the name of the government and made statements about the importance of this event, such as suggested by the hon, member. On the second part of the question, we are not thinking of any specific amendment in this context but we are doing, I think, something much more important. We have set aside this year, the 20th