

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

VIET NAM—REASON FOR WITHDRAWAL OF CANADIAN AIRCRAFT FROM AREA IN VIEW OF DESIRE OF SOME VIETNAMESE TO COME TO CANADA

Mr. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, a few minutes ago the Acting Prime Minister stated he has provided selected lists of Vietnamese personnel to the Americans asking the United States to accept these people and divert them to us. If the Acting Prime Minister is to be taken seriously with regard to this plan, why was one of our two Hercules aircraft in Hong Kong withdrawn from that area today?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I do not think there is any contradiction between these two actions. It appears to us to be unlikely that there would be an opportunity to lift the Vietnamese who would be permitted to get to the airport or, alternatively, if the regime had collapsed and there were general chaos of course the airport would be unusable. I believe it was very prudent for us to have done what we could on behalf of these Vietnamese who might be able to get out one way or another by methods that we could not choose because we do not have armed forces to support our particular views in Viet Nam whereas the Americans do, potentially if not actually. So, I do not think there is any contradiction.

● (1500)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

TABLING OF ECONOMIC REVIEW FOR 1974

Hon. Jean Chrétien (President of Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Finance and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 41(2), I wish to table three copies, in English and in French, of the Economic Review for the year 1974.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 1,180, 1,765, 1,917, 1,923, 1,924, 1,927, 1,928, 1,929, 1,931, 2,020, 2,072, 2,143, and 2,187.

Mr. Speaker, if question No. 60 and starred question No. 1,475 could be made orders for return, these returns would be tabled immediately.

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Order Paper Questions

[Text]

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY AND SERVICES—RENEWABLE CONTRACTS

Question No. 1,180—Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain):

1. What are the names of the corporations and firms which have renewable purchase, service or construction contracts with the Department of Supply and Services that require Treasury Board approval?

2. What were the names of the corporations and firms which had purchase, service or construction contracts that were renewed over the past five years with the Department of Supply and Services and required Treasury Board approval?

3. What are the names of corporations and firms which have three year term or longer purchase, service or construction contracts with the Department of Supply and Services that required Treasury Board approval?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): Similar information to that requested above was returned in answer to Question No. 1,741 on March 5, *Hansard*, Page No. 3,801, Sessional Paper No. 301-2/1,741.

CONSTRUCTION OF EXTENSION OF OTTAWA RIVER PARKWAY

Question No. 1,765—Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton):

1. On what date will construction commence for (a) the extension of the Ottawa River Parkway from its present western termination at Carling Avenue in the City of Ottawa to its proposed intersection with Woodroffe Avenue in the Township of Nepean (b) the further extension thereof from Woodroffe Avenue in the Township of Nepean to Merivale Road in the Township of Nepean (c) the further extension thereof from Merivale Road along its proposed route south of the Borden Farm area in the Township of Nepean to its intersection with Provincial Highway 16 (Prescott Highway) (d) the further extension thereof from the Prescott Highway as aforesaid to the Rideau River?

2. Have any lands for right-of-way been acquired by the National Capital Commission or any other agency or department for the purposes contemplated in Part 1?

3. What was the cost of the lands acquired as contemplated in Part 2?

4. Has any provision been made in the Estimates for 1975-1976 for the acquisition of lands required for right-of-way as set forth in Part 1 by any of the agencies or departments mentioned in Part 2?

5. Have any tenders been called for the construction of any part of the work contemplated in Part 1?

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): In so far as the National Capital Commission is concerned: 1. (a), (b), (c) and (d)—Planning by the regional municipality of Ottawa-Carleton suggests that some of the rights-of-way acquired by the National Capital Commission for parkway purposes be used for arterial roads forming part of the regional road network. Without prejudice to the purposes for which these rights-of-way were acquired, NCC planning for the construction of parkways beyond those which already exist, or are currently under construction, is temporarily being held in abeyance pending consideration of proposals by the regional municipality of Ottawa-Carleton. No dates on which construction will commence have been established.

2. The National Capital Commission has acquired land for right-of-way.

3. \$602,008.

4. No.

5. No.