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hand and less information than we had with respect to the Columbia River. Whose fault is that? It is the fault of those sitting opposite. For some 15 years we have been pushing economic development in the north, but only within the last two years have we become concerned about the effect of industrial development on the ecology of the north. After 15 years we still do not have land use regulations for the Northwest Territories and the Yukon. Ministers tell us what the government is doing. Mr. Speaker, who are they trying to bluff? They have kidded the Canadian nation long enough. Let us sit down and face the facts. We do not have enough information on all the problems we will encounter in the north.

Someone mentioned the Old Crow Flats region, where the natives are self-sufficient. If we stop the caribou migration into that area we will create a disaster for the inhabitants. I am told that the average individual in the Old Crow area can use up to 25 caribou per year, and in the rest of the region individuals can use about five caribou per year. Some 150,000 caribou take part in the migration. If pipeline construction halts the movement of caribou, all the people of the region will be adversely affected.

We have not had sufficient time to collect all the necessary information. This is why I urge the government to redouble its research efforts. The departments must be integrated far more than even before. If necessary, we must get information from other nations on the effect of pipelines and roads on migrating animals. If we do not, we may have another ecological disaster such as that being caused in the Mackenzie River delta by the construction of the Peace River dam.

There are many other points I wished to raise, Mr. Speaker, but I think we have had a good debate. We have aired our views. At least this debate has been a start. I trust that in the coming weeks and months hon. members will have other opportunities to discuss in detail some of the plans and projections put forward by the ministers who took part in the debate this afternoon.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Richard): It being five o'clock p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 58 (11) the proceedings on this motion have expired.

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I would ask for the unanimous consent of the House in order to make an announcement.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Richard): Is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, I was informed a few minutes ago that arrangements are being discussed with regard to a visit to Ottawa within two weeks of the presidents of seven of the Alaskan north slope major producers who are to meet the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Greene) and myself as a point of contact between the government and the industry, as established in the guidelines issued in August, 1970, by the government. We hope that this meeting will be held within two weeks, perhaps on the 22nd of the month.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. McCutcheon: Mr. Speaker, before we conclude may I ask the government whip or the House Leader what the order of business will be on Monday?

Mr. Francis: Mr. Speaker, the order will be as stated by the President of the Privy Council on Thursday and recorded at page 4168 of *Hansard*. I believe the first item will be the packaging and labelling measure.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Richard): Order. This House stands adjourned until Monday, March 15, 1971, at two o'clock p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2 (1). The Chair has listened to many hon. members this week expressing strong determination to maintain our political and economic freedoms. I am tempted to suggest that we should enshrine these feelings in a formal pledge to Canada, to be recited at the opening of our daily sittings. I hope all hon. members enjoy their weekend.

At five o'clock the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.