

Oral Questions

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Trinity and the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings will be recognized for supplementaries, but we will finish the first round of questioning and then return to the supplementaries on this subject.

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MANPOWER**LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS**

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the hon. Minister of Finance.

In view of the encouraging answer I received yesterday from the Minister of Finance about additional funds that would be made available to the Minister of Manpower for LIP projects and of the explanations the President of the Treasury Board gave the Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates last night, may I once again ask the minister if he has discussed the matter with the President of the Treasury Board and whether they agreed to allocate immediately more funds to the manpower minister for that purpose and, if so, when he will be able to make his decision known to the House?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I have not yet had the opportunity of discussing the matter at length with my colleague, but I must add that there is never enough money to meet all the requirements.

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse): I would like to ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Since the minister is giving us the real reason for the first time, I would ask him very earnestly the following question: which of the two came first, man or money?

Mr. Speaker: I think the hon. member's question is hypothetical.

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[English]

ENERGY**ATHABASCA TAR SANDS—GOVERNMENT POLICY RESPECTING DEVELOPMENT**

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Supply and Services. Will the minister tell the House whether his proposal for the development of the tar sands was well received by his audience in Calgary yesterday?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Hellyer: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I am sure the minister must have gone to Calgary yesterday at public expense. He was on time which was taken away from the House of Commons and therefore was on his public duties. Consequently, he has a responsibility to answer for his acts to the House. Perhaps Your Honour

will allow me to ask a supplementary question of the Prime Minister.

Mr. Trudeau: What about the trip to your riding last week? Were you well received?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am sure the hon. member with his experience will appreciate that the question as asked in the first instance is not in order. I would hope we could not get involved every day in asking ministers and other members whether speeches they made outside the House were well received or ill received by their audiences. That is hardly in order. I am certainly anxious to be fair to the hon. member and I will allow him not a supplementary to that question but another question.

Mr. Hellyer: My supplementary is to the Prime Minister. Has the moratorium that the Alberta government has placed on further exploration rights in regard to the tar sands any relation to the type of proposal that is being discussed publicly by the Minister of Supply and Services and others? Was this discussed by the Prime Minister when he had lunch with the premier of Alberta? Perhaps at the same time the Prime Minister could tell us if it is once again his policy, as it was during the foreign policy review, to play one of his ministers off against another in public?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That, of course, is not a question. That is debate.

Mr. Trudeau: You played yourself off against yourself.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Calgary North.

Mr. Hellyer: Mr. Speaker, for generations in this country, as in other British parliamentary democracies, there has been a rule of cabinet solidarity. In the first year of the present Prime Minister's term in office he changed that rule and allowed ministers to speak publicly on different sides of an argument. Surely it is the right of this parliament and the Canadian people to know whether we have in this country at the present time a continuation of the principle of cabinet solidarity or whether in fact we have another principle—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair will not prevent the right hon. Prime Minister from responding to the hon. member's point of order. If the hon. member will recall what he said, his question was, is it the policy of the Prime Minister to play one minister against another. That may not be exactly what he said but I am sure the hon. member, in fairness to the Chair, will admit that was the sense of it. The hon. member for Calgary North.

ATHABASCA TAR SANDS—SPEECH BY MINISTER OF SUPPLY AND SERVICES IN CALGARY—PRIOR APPROVAL BY PRIME MINISTER

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the Minister of Supply and Services whether he submitted the script of the speech he delivered in