

meeting which is scheduled to take place this Friday in Washington which will involve Canadian and United States negotiations on this serious border situation.

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member is quite right. There will be a meeting in Washington this Friday. It follows upon a meeting which took place in Ottawa within the last few weeks between Canadian and United States officials with a view toward solving the impasse with respect to cattle and beef products moving both ways. It is our hope that out of these negotiations there will come a solution. For that reason, there is not under active consideration at the present time the kind of meat import law to which the hon. member has referred.

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NORTHERN AFFAIRS

STUDY OF ACCESS HIGHWAY TO WEST COAST—SUGGESTED CONSIDERATION OF STUDY IN DECIDING ON HOWSE PASS PROJECT

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In view of the fact that the government of Canada will be conducting a west coast highway access study in the very near future, and in view of the fact that a national parks spokesman stated in Calgary recently that the policy of the minister's department has not changed since the decision some time ago that there would not be development providing central western Canada with an access to central British Columbia, and vice versa, through the Howse pass, would the minister be prepared to state unequivocally that he and his department will approach this study with an open mind and reconsider that earlier decision, if it is found to be in the best interests of the majority, and proceed with the Howse pass project?

Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Towers: Mr. Speaker, was the national parks spokesman merely stating a personal opinion or is that in fact departmental policy?

Mr. Buchanan: Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of the statement by this individual but we will be happy to look at the results of this study which I believe is being conducted by the Department of Transport.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

GOVERNMENT POSITION ON ENTRY OF TERRORISTS—REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE OF STATEMENT ON ENTRY OF PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Jake Epp (Provencher): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the right hon. Prime Minister. In light of the fact

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that the recently defeated leader of the Manitoba Liberal Party has joined ranks with the leader of the Ontario Liberal Party and other Liberal members of this government, will the Prime Minister not now concede that terrorists of any ilk have no permission to enter Canada and are not welcome here?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): There is no other concession I have to make, Mr. Speaker. I stated unequivocally in the House about a week ago that the government was unalterably opposed to terrorism of any kind.

Mr. Epp: A supplementary question. In view of that answer will the Prime Minister assure the House that when a decision is finally reached on the entry of the PLO into Canada that a statement will be made to this House so that questions and comments can be directed to the government at that time?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, of course, if the House is around when we make the decision.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

MIDDLE EAST—REFUSAL OF EGYPT TO RENEW MANDATE OF UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY FORCE—GOVERNMENT POSITION ON CONTINUED PARTICIPATION

Hon. Robert Stanbury (York-Scarborough): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

An hon. Member: You were in charge of the delegation when the invitation went out, Bob!

Mr. Stanbury: In view of the stated intention of Egypt to refuse consent to renewal of the mandate of the United Nations Emergency Force in the Sinai, has the government discussed the future of this force after this month with the United Nations and the other governments directly concerned? Also, has the government or will the government insist on a continuation of the UN mandate as a condition of Canada's continued participation in that force?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the information about the intentions of Egypt were made known to us last night, I believe. Discussions are going on at the United Nations presently on this very subject.

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ENERGY

PETROLEUM PRODUCTS—MONITORING OF PRICE INCREASES AND POSSIBILITY OF ROLLING BACK UNWARRANTED INCREASES

Mr. Cyril Symes (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. How does the government propose to monitor, on an ongoing basis, price increases in petroleum products so that they conform to federal guidelines and will any