

ment's interest in the subject of unemployment, and in view of the fact that shipyards have had to lay off some of their shipwrights because the minister's department has not promulgated regulations with respect to the program announced over six months ago, will the minister make efforts to see that those regulations are promulgated so that the shipyards can get on with their work?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I think my hon. friend is referring to the support for exports.

Mr. Comeau: No. I am referring to the program that was announced by the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry, which affects the minister's department.

Mr. Pepin: I have seen the regulations. I thought they had been issued. I shall look at this matter again.

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NATIONAL PARKS

WOOD BUFFALO AND GLACIER—TERMINATION OF LOGGING LEASES

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Has the minister's department, in line with parks policy, tried to buy up or terminate the logging leases at present in force in Wood Buffalo National Park?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, these are the only logging rights in a Canadian national park. We do not intend at this time to buy them up since we are negotiating with the Alberta government with a view to exchanging this area for a region in southern Alberta which might well become a most interesting national park.

[English]

Mr. Harding: Mr. Speaker, has the department completed the buying up of timber berths in Glacier National Park?

[Translation]

Mr. Chrétien: I am not sure, Mr. Speaker, but I think we have managed to buy back all logging rights in the national parks of the Rockies.

[English]

WOOD BUFFALO—PLANS FOR REFORESTATION—AGREEMENT ON EXCHANGE OF LAND

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): A supplementary question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Actually, I have two questions. First, is his

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department planning to proceed with the reforestation program in the park? Second, when does he contemplate that agreement with the government of Alberta will be reached on the exchange of land that he mentioned?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, these two problems are complementary. If we make an exchange with the government of Alberta, the latter should initiate the reforestation program in the park. However, we are awaiting results of the negotiations and I cannot tell the hon. member when they will be conveyed to us.

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[English]

TRADE

PROFIT BY ITALIAN SPECULATORS ON RESALE OF CANADIAN BARLEY

Mr. Cliff Downey (Battle River): I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Does the minister have any knowledge and, if so, can he tell the House the approximate profit per ton that Italian speculators are making on the resale of Canadian barley?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member is asking for information which normally should be sought by way of a written question. Unless there is urgency, the question in those terms cannot be accepted.

Mr. Downey: A supplementary question. Can the minister state whether the mass exodus of the cabinet to Saskatchewan is what the grain farmers of western Canada can expect—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

ACTION RESPECTING CLOSURE OF STATION AGENCIES IN SASKATCHEWAN AND ALBERTA

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Is the minister taking any initiatives as the result of protests concerning the closure of 56 CPR station agencies and nine caretaker agencies in Saskatchewan and Alberta which was recently authorized by the Canadian Transport Commission?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I will have to take the question as notice as to specifics. I know that there has been some action within the past week or so. I understand this is one of the matters I may be discussing with the government of Saskatchewan over the weekend. I am told that I will be going to Yorkton, so I will give the hon. member's regards to his constituents.