

Immigration. In view of the fact that last summer the Canada Manpower Centre cancelled the student summer employment survey which was done by Statistics Canada, and as a result we have no figures for comparison purposes, is the minister prepared to reinstitute the student summer employment survey this summer?

**Hon. Bud Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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### FINANCE

#### PROPOSED GRANTS SYSTEM TO AID STUDENTS WITH COST OF EDUCATION

**Mr. John Rodriguez (Nickel Belt):** Mr. Speaker, I will direct my supplementary question to the Minister of Finance.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Rodriguez:** Be quiet over there. In view of the fact that the lack of summer employment for young people will result in many youths from low income families being prevented from taking advantage of post-secondary education, is the minister prepared to enter into discussions with the respective provincial authorities whereby a system of grants can be established to assist this particular group of young people to go on with their education?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, one of the elements of the student loan plan is to make an adjustment in relation to summer employment.

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[Translation]

### MANPOWER

#### EFFECT OF STRIKE AT JÉRÔME LE ROYER SCHOOL BOARD ON MANPOWER TRAINING PROGRAM AND PAYMENT TO PARTICIPANTS

**Mr. C. A. Gauthier (Roberval):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

Is the minister aware that nearly one hundred unemployed attending manpower training courses cannot continue to do so as a result of a strike by the teachers of the Jérôme Le Royer School Board and that some of those unemployed come from outside Montreal? Since the manpower centre authorities have decided to suspend both courses and allowances, can the minister tell the House whether his officials have found a solution to that situation, for example, by handing back the cheques to the unemployed so that those students may pay their board?

[English]

**Hon. Bud Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, because of the strike the individuals are, of

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course, not taking training. On that basis, they will not be paid, nor will their living allowance be paid.

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### ENERGY

#### OIL—MEASURES TO STIMULATE EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN FRONTIER AREAS

**Mr. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. EastCan has announced that it is suspending its offshore drilling program on the Labrador shelf, one of the three main frontier areas of Canada, because of unresolved jurisdictional disputes between the Newfoundland and federal governments. The Arctic Islands exploration declined severely and in the Mackenzie delta the same has occurred. In view of these facts, how is the government of Canada to meet the target set in "An Energy Strategy for Canada" made public in April, 1976 to double, at a minimum, exploration and development activity in the frontier regions of Canada over the next three years?

**Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, it is going to be a lot more difficult. I very much regret that the jurisdictional dispute and one other fact which the hon. member did not mention prevented this particular project from going ahead. What the hon. member did not mention was that more than the jurisdictional dispute between the Newfoundland government and the federal government, which we have agreed should be referred to the Supreme Court, was involved. The Newfoundland government was not prepared to give guarantees with respect to the permit rights of the EastCan group, permit rights in an area in which they had already spent \$100 million, one of the most difficult parts of the world. The hon. member can probably accept some of the responsibility for that decision.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

#### MACKENZIE VALLEY PIPELINE—POSSIBILITY BERGER REPORT RECOMMENDS AGAINST CONSTRUCTION

**Mr. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West):** Mr. Speaker, I will ignore the minister's last remark and ask him this. Can the minister confirm or deny the story that has leaked from a translator of the Berger report on the Mackenzie oil pipeline that Mr. Justice Berger recommends against permitting the building of an oil pipeline through the Mackenzie Valley for at least five years? If the minister cannot now confirm or deny that report, will he check it out and report to the House so that further uncertainty will not be created in the frontier areas by this story?

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**Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** It is very difficult to see the connection between the Berger inquiry and the EastCan situation. However, I can