

NATIONAL PARKS

REQUEST THAT FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE PARTICIPATE IN HEARINGS CONCERNING EASTERN SLOPES OF ROCKY MOUNTAINS OR SUBMIT DETAILED BRIEFS

Mr. Joe Clark (Rocky Mountain): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Would the minister reconsider his refusal to accept the invitation of the Alberta Conservation Authority to have a federal parks representative sit on the panel at the hearings concerning the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains, which are dominated by national parks, and where proper hearings cannot succeed without the full co-operation and participation of the federal government?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, if I understand the situation correctly, these territories are outside the national parks. I do not see how I could interfere with the activities of the Alberta government, since I am myself so touchy whenever the Alberta government meddles with our affairs within the parks.

[English]

Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I would remind the minister that an invitation was issued by the province of Alberta, which indicates that they were not particularly concerned about jurisdiction—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Would the hon. member kindly ask his supplementary question.

Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain): My supplementary question is this. Would the minister at least give an undertaking that the briefs that his department intends to submit will, despite his answer, be detailed and not general, and will give enough guidance about parks plans that the province and private citizens can make sensible plans of their own for development of that region?

[Translation]

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, I am quite at ease in that connection, because we had public hearings held over a year ago on possible developments in Jasper and Banff parks. Plans were then made public. Many comments were received from the public at large and if someone has not received copy of those plans, I will be pleased to send them directly or through the hon. member.

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[English]

AIR CANADA

REQUEST THAT PRIME MINISTER GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO POSSIBLE STRIKE

Mr. Peter C. Bawden (Calgary South): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister. The right hon. gentleman said earlier in answer to a question about the possible Air Canada strike that he had not looked at it recently. In view of the fact that it has had very low priority, would the Prime Minister move it up to

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a higher priority on his agenda and take a look at the matter before the strike takes place rather than after the strike?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am sure there must be some misunderstanding. I do not recall ever having said that I had not looked at it recently. I am sure that if I commented on it at all it was to refer the matter to the Minister of Labour who, on the contrary, has reported more than once to me and the cabinet on the situation and is following it very closely.

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ENERGY

REVIEW OF OIL AND GAS REGULATIONS—POSSIBLE CHANGE IN ROYALTIES AND LEASE RATES—REQUEST FOR DEBATE

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Are the federal oil and gas regulations still under review and, if so, when will the review be completed, and will the royalties and permit and lease rates under the new regulations be substantially increased over the rates existing under the present regulations?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, they are still under review. Royalties for offshore oil development are one of the questions under discussion and negotiation with the five eastern governments at the present time, and until those negotiations are completed I would not anticipate that there would be any change in the regulations. The exact nature of the changes will be announced at that time.

Mr. Harding: In view of the statement in the Canadian trade journal, *Oilweek*, that the petroleum industry has had frank, open and understanding discussions with the government on the new oil and gas regulations, may I ask the minister if and when similar discussions on these regulations will be held either with this House or the appropriate standing committee?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, whenever the House wants to so order.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LAOS AND CAMBODIA—CANADIAN POSITION ON STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL CONTROL COMMISSIONS

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Against the background of the statement made in the House yesterday relating to withdrawal of the truce supervisory group from Viet Nam, may I ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs whether he is prepared to give to the House and to the country, either today or at some early date, a clear statement on the status of the other two supervisory commissions still legally in existence in Southeast Asia, that in Cambodia and the one