

analysis of this problem and has he established priorities for the allocation of boxcars to these points?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I did bring to the attention of the Canadian Wheat Board the suggestion I had received from a number of places that there was an imbalance in the way the cars were being spotted. They are giving serious consideration to that matter, but prior consideration has to be given to making the very best use of equipment at this particular point in time, and the equity for all that will come through equal delivery opportunities will be a matter for adjustment later.

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ENERGY

PROPOSED SHIPMENT OF ALASKAN OIL THROUGH STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs and relates to the shipment of Alaskan oil through the Strait of Juan de Fuca, which some months ago the minister promised us he had only begun to fight. Some of us might feel that we want our money back, since there does not seem to have been any fight.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Stanfield: I should like to ask the minister where the matter stands at the moment, and specifically what measures he is now taking to prevent what he undertook to fight against?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, discussions are going on and have, of course, been going on more or less regularly between officials of the two governments and between the various departments concerned. This, as I told an hon. member who asked me the question the other day, is one of the first items on my agenda in my talks with Secretary of State Dr. Kissinger when he arrives here. So I can assure the hon. member that we still have a few things in reserve and that he should keep his bets on me.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, before making any decision with regard to bets, would the Secretary of State for External Affairs indicate the respective reaches and weights of himself and the Secretary of State?

[Translation]

PROPOSED RETURN TO DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME TO REDUCE CONSUMPTION OF ENERGY

Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.

Following the motion I moved a few minutes ago under Standing Order 43, when I heard a few shy nays, would the minister inform the House whether he is considering the possibility of reinstating Daylight Saving Time because of the shortage of energy at the present time, in order to save electricity and fuels?

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Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, we did consider the possibility of extending Daylight Saving Time as a means of saving energy. It has been confirmed that such a measure may be taken, in particular for heating oil; there is also the possibility of creating a shortage of this product and, for this reason, I did not suggest such a change to my colleagues.

[English]

SUGGESTED TURNING OFF OF LIGHTS IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. Would the Prime Minister, as head of the government, consider launching a full program of economy of energy products this winter which would bring about energy savings on a voluntary basis without any rationing? If we could get ministers and also civil servants to turn out lights in their departments, we could in various ways in Ottawa save considerable amounts of energy.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I can assure the hon. member that the consumer side as well as the production side of the energy problem is being considered by the government very seriously.

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HOUSING

REQUEST THAT MINISTER MEET KITSILANO COMMITTEE RESPECTING PROPOSED HIGH-RISE RESIDENCE

Mr. Bill Clarke (Vancouver Quadra): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. In view of the fact the president of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation failed to meet with the West Broadway Citizens' committee representing 19 Kitsilano organizations located in the minister's own riding to discuss the adverse effects of a proposed 13-storey high-rise residence to be built in a family oriented neighbourhood, will the minister give serious consideration to meeting with this group and will he examine the possibility of making this project compatible with the neighbourhood?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I think that is more a representation than a question. The hon. member must assume that his representation has been noted. If there is urgency, it can be considered at the time of adjournment.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

COMMITMENT OF AIRCRAFT TO MIDDLE EAST LOGISTICS FORCE—ASSURANCE THAT CANADIAN TRANSPORT AND RESCUE OPERATIONS NOT ADVERSELY AFFECTED

Mr. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence. Last night the minister announced that the Canadian logistics force for the Middle East will be equipped with three Buffalo aircraft and three helicopters. As this exactly