

Oral Questions

HEALTH

AVAILABILITY OF HYDRAZINE SULPHATE FOR CANCER RESEARCH AND TREATMENT

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the early optimistic reports on the treatment of cancer by hydrazine sulphate, which treatment and research is, I believe, being carried out under the direction of Dr. Burke of the National Cancer Institute of the United States, is the drug now available in Canada through the Food and Drug Directorate or otherwise for research and treatment?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I will take notice of this question and inquire into the possible use of hydrazine sulphate in Canada at the present time. As soon as I have an answer, I will inform the hon. member.

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ENERGY

URANIUM—REASON FOR DROP IN PRODUCTION OF ELDORADO MINE

Mr. Elias Nesdoly (Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. It deals with a slightly different aspect of the energy situation in Canada. In view of the increasing importance of uranium to Canada and the world, why has the production of uranium ore at Eldorado Nuclear Mine Limited of Uranium City dropped from approximately one and a quarter million pounds to an estimated seven or eight hundred thousand pounds this year?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I would be glad to go into the Eldorado situation at greater length, but perhaps I could not do so effectively in the question period.

OIL EXPORT TAX—DISPOSITION OF ADDITIONAL 30 CENTS FOR JANUARY

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, while I am on my feet I wonder if I might correct a response I gave to the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands earlier in the question period when I indicated there had not been a position taken with regard to the treatment of the additional 30 cents. There has indeed been a decision made in that regard and, as I indicated, there will be a statement on that later this day.

PETROLEUM—BASIS ON WHICH SHORTFALL PREDICTION MADE BY MINISTER

Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. The minister is quoted as saying that if the shortfall predictions are not accurate the oil companies will be largely to blame. On what basis did the minister make this statement, and does it indicate he has no confi-

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dence in the predictions provided to him by the government appointed committee on petroleum supply and demand?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I do not know to what statement the hon. member is referring. I have indicated we have taken the advice of the committee with regard to the possible shortfall this winter. I have no reason to doubt that it is a competent statement on their part. I suggest that the statement the hon. member is referring to may have been taken out of context.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I believe the hon. member for Meadow Lake had a supplementary to his previous question. I apologize to him. I did not see him rise.

URANIUM—SUGGESTED GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF SALES TO ASSURE DOMESTIC SUPPLIES AND FAIR ALLOCATION TO CROWN CORPORATION

Mr. Elias Nesdoly (Meadow Lake): In view of the fact that a private corporation appears at this time to be making all the sales of uranium oxide, is the government prepared to assume responsibility for all sales of uranium oxide so that Canada's long-term requirements may be assured and also to assure that a Crown corporation gets its fair share of the sales?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I suggest to the hon. member there is a contradiction in his suggestion that we should make export sales and assure our long-term requirements at the same time. I agree that in general terms Eldorado should be put on a commercial footing, more so than in recent years, and I will be making some submissions to my colleagues in that regard. I think the appropriate point of consideration, and this will be done by the Atomic Energy Control Board, is as to at what level the reserves should be maintained for domestic purposes.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

FAMILY ALLOWANCES—REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE THAT QUEBEC BENEFICIARIES WILL RECEIVE A MINIMUM OF \$20

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Since the Quebec government intends to establish its own family allowances plan and such allowances being taxable, could the minister tell the House whether he has had any discussions with the Quebec government and whether an agreement has been concluded in order that the minimum allowance of \$20 will be paid for each child, as provided in Bill C-211, although this bill has not yet been passed by the House?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, it seems to me there are several