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Mr. Fraser: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. May I draw the attention of the Acting Prime Minister to what may turn out to be an historic speech by the Minister of Labour about this government's relationships with labour. Can the Acting Prime Minister tell the House whether labour has agreed to return its representatives to the now defunct Canada Labour Relations Council and the Economic Council of Canada, and agreed to the Minister of Labour's policy of establishing a multi-partite national forum? If the answer is no, how, then, could the minister say what I suggested he said on Saturday, namely, that he was building a new accommodation between the Liberal party and the CLC?

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I am not in a position to confirm that the Canadian Labour Congress has resumed its membership on the consultative organizations to which the hon. member has referred. It would be the wish of the government for the Labour Congress to take a favourable decision and resume the possibility of making a contribution to these national bodies.

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INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Jean-R. Roy (Timmins): Mr. Speaker, can the Secretary of State responsible for Heritage Canada and the national museums inquire if the blue flowers the official opposition are wearing today are a symbol of eternal hope or a wreath of mourning for their decision of one year ago?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

An hon. Member: Ask that question one year from now.

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ENERGY

SALE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR TO ARGENTINA—POSSIBILITY OF INDUCEMENT TO SIGN RENEGOTIATED CONTRACT—REQUEST FOR TABLING CONTRACT

Mr. Allan Lawrence (Northumberland-Durham): Mr. Speaker, my question is supplementary to those asked earlier of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources concerning the contract renegotiated between AECL and the National Atomic Energy Power Commission of Argentina. What extra inducement or extra consideration was granted to the Argentina agency in the renegotiated contract, to induce them to sign a renegotiated contract? For example, is Canada extending a further line of credit to them in respect of the building of a reactor and, if so, how much?

An hon. Member: Another \$40 million.

Mr. Paproski: Interest free.

Oral Questions

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I believe there was some additional financing. I am not sure how much but will be pleased to find out for the hon. member. That would cover the escalated costs of the total contract.

Mr. Paproski: And what about the agent's fee? Is that an extra?

Mr. Lawrence: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the minister could allay the fears of the many people in the country and in this House, about the renegotiated contract and the minister's obvious ignorance about some of the main parts of that contract, by tabling it, so that everybody can see it?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Speaker, I will be pleased to consider that before the public accounts committee. As you know, that matter has been discussed at considerable length before the public accounts committee. I disagree with what the hon. member says about considerable apprehension on the part of the public about the renegotiated contract. I am surprised the hon. member's party did not want us to renegotiate it. Considering the kinds of losses we were facing, surely that was the right thing to do.

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IMMIGRATION.

PROPOSED INCREASE IN NUMBER OF INVESTIGATORS IN VIEW OF INCREASE IN ILLEGAL ENTRIES

Mr. Jake Epp (Provencher): Mr. Speaker, my question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration concerns the ever-increasing problem of the illegal entry of aliens to Canada. Will the minister indicate if additional man-years will be assigned to units such as the Toronto immigration investigative unit, and will similar units be established in other urban areas?

Hon. Jack Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I do not foresee that at present. We hope that some of the measures to be proposed in the new bill will have the desired effect.

MEASURES TO IMPROVE CAPABILITIES OF INVESTIGATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Jake Epp (Provencher): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Since officers of the Toronto immigration investigative unit have notified departmental officials that, in order to cope with the numbers of aliens on Toronto streets, including those whose street operations are frequently in violation of the Criminal Code, they need radio equipped cars, walkie-talkies, self-defence training as well as an outline of their rights and responsibilities, will the minister say when steps will be taken to allow the Toronto immigration investigative unit to do the job it must do? When will they receive the equipment and training for which they have asked?