

return personal and confidential information about Canadians now in the United States, to Canada?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am delighted that the hon. member is catching up with government policy. If he reads the Speech from the Throne he will see that we indicated action precisely in this area.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Baker: Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a supplementary question to the acting government House leader. Can he tell the House when he is going to introduce the rather important piece of legislation to which the Prime Minister has called attention?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, the legislation is not yet ready and therefore it is difficult to indicate a specific date for its introduction, but it will be discussed further.

An hon. Member: Like the whole throne speech.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I would remind hon. members at this point that there are about four minutes left before the end of the question period and if hon. members want to ask further supplementaries that will take us to the end of the question period.

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HOUSING

REQUEST FOR PUBLICATION OF REPORT ON CO-OPERATIVE COLLEGES AND CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO GRANTS

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is for the Prime Minister. At the same time as the Prime Minister is taking steps to safeguard private and confidential information stored in the United States referring to Canadians, would he undertake to make available to the Canadian public the report on the co-operative colleges prepared by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and other correspondence to and from the government in respect of grants and other allocations from the government which for generations have been considered as public information and which are now being withheld by this government?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I shall gladly look into the matter.

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TRANSPORT

SOURCE OF MINISTER'S INFORMATION FOR STATEMENT RAILWAYS LOSE MONEY HAULING WHEAT

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. In view of the statements made by the minister in recent days that the railways lose money in hauling wheat, I should like to ask him what source this information comes from in view of the fact no document has ever

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been published by the railways proving that they lose money in hauling wheat?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, there are two sources of information, one coming from the department and another coming from the railways. If the hon. gentleman wants me to check more closely I shall be happy to do so.

An hon. Member: Table it.

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ENERGY

MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVALUATION OF MACKENZIE GAS PIPELINE—POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL HEARINGS TO THAT BY ENERGY BOARD

Mr. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. Can he tell the House who in his cabinet has been assigned the over-all responsibility for the government's evaluation of the Mackenzie gas pipeline, and has he issued any new and specific directives to that minister as to the manner in which the government will assess this immense project?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I apologize to the hon. member. The hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings was talking so loudly that I could not hear the question.

Mr. Hees: Pay more attention! I was not talking to you.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I thank the right hon. gentleman for his apology. Can the Prime Minister tell the House who in his cabinet has been assigned the over-all responsibility for the government's evaluation of the Mackenzie gas pipeline, and has he issued any new and specific directives to that minister as to the manner in which the government will assess this immense project?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, there are several ministers implicated—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

An hon. Member: That is a good word.

An hon. Member: Why did you not say "indicted"?

Mr. Trudeau: —as I indicated earlier in the House. The Minister of the Environment is responsible for his aspect of the question. The Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, who of course would have jurisdiction for the territories, is involved, and of course so is the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. They have formed a committee and the spokesman, depending on the particular aspect of the subject, will be one of those three ministers and, if there is any doubt, it will be myself.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I thank the Prime Minister but perhaps he could clarify it a little bit for the benefit of the House and the nation. Does the government feel that the National Energy Board as currently con-