

*Adjournment Debate*

proposals such as revised plans and fish screens. The risk is still far too great.

The Department of the Interior of the United States quietly approved the awarding of the dam construction project. Officials of that department are planning to celebrate the awarding of the Lonetree contract on September 19.

Why was Canada not notified of this decision? The awarding of the contract is a signal that the United States is planning to continue to complete this project, a project that will be detrimental to Manitoba. Why are the Canadian and now American recommendations and objections to the completion of this project being so blatantly ignored?

It seems that as soon as a new finding is publicized stating the harmful effects of the Garrison water project, the United States Government allots more money for its continuation. It would seem to me that somewhere along the line we are having a breakdown communications with our neighbour.

This issue has been going on for five decades, and for five decades the United States has seemingly been intent on completing Garrison for its benefit with little concern for Manitoba. The awarding of the Lonetree contract is further evidence that our objections are going unheard, or perhaps that they are not reaching the officials in the United States who are capable of ordering the termination of this project.

I must, therefore request that the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) contact by telephone as quickly as possible the President of the United States to inform him directly of our opposition to this project and to demand that construction be halted immediately. Furthermore, it should be brought to the President's attention that before any plans which may involve the welfare of Canada are finalized and given the go ahead in the United States, we in Canada should be contacted and consulted.

**Mr. Jean Lapierre (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I would first like to thank the Hon. Member for his continued interest in this matter. Recent developments including increased Congressional appropriations for Phase I and the awarding of the construction contract for the Lonetree reservoir have been closely monitored by the Government through the ambassador in Washington. We are in close touch with the Government of Manitoba at the official level.

United States authorities have assured Canada of their commitment to the IJC recommendations of 1977 and similarly, Congress has stipulated that no funds or authority under current appropriations would be used for construction of features of the GDU which would pollute, introduce foreign biota or destructively increase or decrease the rate of waters flowing into Canada. Consultations agreed to by both Governments have begun with the objective of ensuring that construction features will be designed to achieve this result. It is regrettable that the recent award of the Lonetree reservoir construction contract came before a satisfactory conclusion to these consultations had been achieved.

Every opportunity has been and is being taken to ensure that Canadian concerns are fully understood by Congress and by the administration. To mention only some of the most recent actions, a technical meeting was called in Ottawa on July 20 which included responsible officials from North Dakota, Washington, Manitoba and Ottawa to examine in detail technical concerns related to Phase I of the GDU including the Lonetree reservoir. This meeting appeared to have established a basis for further policy level discussions which had been envisaged for this autumn. When it became apparent that the U.S.A. intended to move ahead with Lonetree before all Canadian concerns had been addressed and resolved in the consultative process, Ambassador Gotlieb met with senior Department of State officials on August 19 to convey high-level concern regarding not only the implications of the Lonetree contract award but also its effect on the consultations related to the balance of Phase I.

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We continue to regard consultations as the most effective means of resolving Canadian concerns over aspects of the Garrison project. We expect an early resumption of consultations to examine remaining technical concerns, including necessary modifications of the Lonetree reservoir. Further representations are being prepared in consultation with Manitoba.

Finally, last week the Minister of the Environment (Mr. Caccia), was able to receive assurances from Mr. James Watt, Secretary of the Interior of the United States, that the most threatening features of the original Garrison plan, known as Phase II, would not be built.

EDUCATION—CONTENT OF SCHOOL MANUALS. (B) FUNDING SOUGHT FOR ENGLISH TEXTBOOKS

**Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West):** Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to bring to the attention of the Government once again my concern about the lack of appropriate educational material, in particular textbooks, in the English language for use in our schools.

As a Member of this Parliament I have lived through the period when the Government insisted on a new Constitution for Canadians, partly for substantive reasons and partly for symbolic reasons. My predecessors lived through a period of this Parliament when they dealt with the issue of the Canadian flag. We have been told by the Government on many occasions that it was necessary to have a state-owned oil company called Petro-Canada, partly for symbolic reasons or reasons of national identity.

As I stand in this Chamber I have absolute, certain knowledge that in the schools of this nation, from kindergarten through university, there is a shortage of educational material written by Canadians for the use of Canadian students in the English language.