

## ENERGY

### REQUEST FOR ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL DANGERS BEFORE ESTABLISHING RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL SITE NEAR PORT GRANBY

**Mr. Allan Lawrence (Northumberland-Durham):** Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and is in respect of a 470-acre parcel optioned by a governmental agency under his jurisdiction near Port Granby, just west of Port Hope, for the purpose of a radioactive nuclear waste disposal site. Will the minister give the assurance to me and the House that procedures such as outlined, for instance, in the provincial government's environmental protection act, which require a full public assessment of the environmental dangers and the requirement of public hearings in respect of a matter such as this, will be followed either before the government goes ahead with completion of the purchase, or inevitably uses it as a radioactive waste disposal site?

**Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I would be very pleased to convey this representation to the federal-provincial task force which is concerned with the clean-up of the Port Hope situation. As the hon. member may know, there are a number of federal government and Ontario government departments involved. I believe the Ontario Department of the Environment is specifically concerned with the licensing arrangements for such a new disposal site.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

### SUGGESTED GUARANTEE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE APPROVAL OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL SITE AT PORT GRANBY

**Mr. Allan Lawrence (Northumberland-Durham):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is then directed to the federal Minister of the Environment. As both he and his colleague in the Cabinet must know, if the federal government wants to waive completely all these guarantees in the provincial legislation it can and quite frequently has done so. The federal Minister of the Environment has within his personal discretion the authority to give an undertaking right here and now that these guarantees of public hearings and full public disclosure of the environmental assessment will be made before this site can be used for radioactive dumping purposes. I would ask the minister then, because it is within his discretion, to give that undertaking to the House now.

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of the Environment):** Mr. Speaker, I cannot add more to what has been said by my colleagues on this. We have a general work force with the government of Ontario, and this is surely a problem on which we are going to proceed. We are studying this problem of nuclear waste in the region of Port Hope. We are going to look into this problem jointly with the government of Ontario, and we are ready to consider whatever recommendations are submitted to us.

**Mr. Lawrence:** Mr. Speaker, if, as the minister contends, the province of Ontario does have something to do with

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this, I would ask whether the federal government will follow the requirements and guarantees written into the provincial government's legislation rather than relying on the rather arbitrary provisions which exist in his own legislation?

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** Mr. Speaker, I think in this regard we will have to consult with the government of Ontario. I am sure we are going to co-operate with that government and it will accept the standards we propose. Even if they do not do it immediately they have the programs to do it and we do the same thing. There is no doubt that we will support the government of Ontario.

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## PENITENTIARIES

### MEASURES TO PROTECT CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Solicitor General a serious question concerning a bill now before the committee. This is in a different field. Once again we have seen correctional officers and institutional staff members held as hostages. The last situation was at the Archambault institution. We can be thankful that they were released without a murder such as happened in British Columbia. The Solicitor General in answering a question, said that the only way to prevent such occurrences is to lock up everybody. Has the Solicitor General come up with a policy or plan to protect the correctional officers from this kind of harassment and danger and would he now tell us what the plan is because I say to him in all seriousness that the situation in our institutions across Canada is very precarious.

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, part of the plan is in the peace and security program, the administrative side, in which it is mentioned that first of all we would move to the construction of smaller institutions containing 150 to 180 inmates to allow for greater segregation of inmates. Also this type of institution would provide better security and rehabilitation.

Second, in response to the unions and the administration we have agreed to have a more intensive training and retraining program for correctional officers including training in such things as crisis and hostage situations. Furthermore, there are many security arrangements being introduced. I would not be able to state them all here, but I would be willing to send them to the hon. member.

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## ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

### SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENT IN BAIL PROVISIONS—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North):** Well, Mr. Speaker, that program looks like something that will be done three years from now. I should like to ask the Minister of Justice, because not only are officers being held as hostages but most of our penitentiaries are like sieves,