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POSTPONEMENT BY GULF AND CONTINENTAL OF  
CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES IN NEW BRUNSWICK—  
EFFECT OF LEVY FOR POLLUTION FUND

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East):** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Luck is not with me this week. This is the third time I have risen to ask a question, and now the Prime Minister has left the House.

**An hon. Member:** Thank God!

**Mr. Forrestall:** I wanted to direct my question to him, but in his absence I would ask the Acting Prime Minister if he would take note of it and perhaps have the Prime Minister consult with his colleagues. The question concerns the indefinite postponement of the expansion by Conoco of its trans-shipment terminal in New Brunswick and the indication by Mr. McAfee, President of Gulf Oil, Canada, Ltd. that the levy for the creation of a maritimes oil pollution fund seriously jeopardizes any prospects for expansion of oil trans-shipment capabilities in the province of Nova Scotia. This comes immediately on top of the decision of Continental Oil Co. to indefinitely postpone a \$60 million plant in New Brunswick.

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the absence of the leaders of the other parties, the Prime Minister felt it was in order for him to leave but I shall bring this matter to his attention.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**An hon. Member:** When did he worry about that?

**Mr. Bell:** He went to finish the book.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I will allow another supplementary, but we will be running short of time and I am anxious to see those hon. members who were not recognized yesterday. The hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax East.

MARITIME POLLUTION FUND—REQUEST FOR  
ESTABLISHMENT OUT OF GENERAL REVENUES RATHER  
THAN LEVY ON CARGOES

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East):** A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the Acting Prime Minister would as well take notice of a request that the government consider the establishment of a fund of approximately \$25 million out of general revenues, which is the amount estimated to be required, thereby permitting a longer time for the development of this fund through a direct levy on a per ton or per barrel basis?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker. I can assure the hon. gentleman that the subject of this levy has been very carefully studied. It is my understanding that no change will be made for the time being until some experience has been gained.

## Inquiries of the Ministry

## MANPOWER

## REQUEST FOR REVISION OF APPLICATION FORMS

**Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina):** My question is for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration who is just leaving. I wonder if he could return for a moment or two. We know the minister has been ill, and we are certainly glad to see him back in the House after his long absence. I should like to know if the minister has had an opportunity in the last few weeks to look at the incredibly complicated application form that people must fill out at the manpower centres. I think it is a form designed to fit in with the ACES system, but it is very complicated and it is giving headaches to the people who are applying.

• (1600)

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Perhaps the minister might be allowed to reply. I suggest to hon. members that if questions are too long and contain too many explanations, we shall run short of time soon.

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for his question. I agree with him. We had an analysis made which confirms that some of the forms are too complicated. We are in the process of preparing new forms. We are testing them in the field and discussing them with appropriate groups such as the advisory committee to the Unemployment Insurance Commission as well as the trade unions of the country, in order to come up with a much more simplified form.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Mackenzie. I will recognize the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby in a moment, but at the moment the hon. member for Mackenzie has been recognized.

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## AGRICULTURE

PROGRAM TO ASSIST SMALL FARMERS—AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL MINISTERS

**Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture and ask whether he has had meetings since the middle of February with any or all provincial ministers of agriculture pertaining to the small farm development program, and has he been led to believe that there is agreement between the federal and provincial ministers on this program?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, the last meeting I had with the provincial ministers of agriculture was, I believe, on February 14. There was, of course, no disagreement on the features involved in the program, although there was further work to be done and, I suppose, some disagreement on the division of administrative responsibility.

**Mr. Korchinski:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order arising from a reply that the Prime Minister, prompted by the Minister of Agriculture, gave me on February 29. At that time I raised a question pertaining to this whole matter. I asked the Prime Minister: