

who may be in short supply. Canada, of course, would be as co-operative as our situation would permit in those circumstances.

**Mr. Bawden:** Is the minister prepared to seek parliamentary approval for any shortfall Canada may be asked to share by the OECD before Canada makes such a commitment?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, I would have to take that into consideration. However, it seems to me that kind of co-operative action is something that would remain within the prerogative of the government.

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### AIRPORTS

#### QUEBEC CITY—MANNER IN WHICH SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT AWARDED

**Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Transport concerning the recent contract for snow removal at the Quebec City airport.

Is the minister aware that officials of his department have called for two kinds of tenders, that is public tenders through newspapers and private ones by telephone? If so, can he explain how the highest bidder managed to obtain the contract.

**An hon. Member:** By telephone!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I feel that this question should be put on the order paper or considered on the adjournment motion tomorrow night.

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### ENERGY

#### OIL—AMOUNT OF POSSIBLE SHORTFALL THIS WINTER

**Mr. Reg Stackhouse (Scarborough East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. In light of the answer the minister gave to the last question on this subject, has he reassessed the projected shortfall of oil this winter which he indicated previously to the House might amount to some 200,000 barrels a day? If so, has this figure been raised upward or downward?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I referred at some length to this question in the committee last night.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member will be allowed a supplementary following which the Chair will recognize the hon. member for Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo.

**Mr. Stackhouse:** In view of the minister's generosity to the committee, is he now prepared to inform the House whether he has asked the government's technical advisory

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committee on petroleum supply and demand to reassess the projected 200,000 barrels per day shortfall having regard to the fact that 65,000 barrels per day are now coming into eastern Canada from the Trans Mountain Pipe Line and having further regard to the fact that 50,000 barrels per day are expected from the Shaheen refinery?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, I specifically had the opportunity of meeting with the technical advisory committee yesterday. They recommended that the government seek the authority to carry out mandatory allocation as requested in the bill.

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### ABORTION

#### SUGGESTED LEGISLATION TO ENABLE GRANTS TO GROUPS WISHING TO COUNSEL PEOPLE ON POSITIVE ALTERNATIVES

**Mr. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo):** Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. I gave him notice of it prior to the question period. In light of the minister's recent admission that while the federal government gives money to groups facilitating the obtaining of abortions under the present very liberal law but has no program to fund groups seeking to counsel people on the positive alternatives to abortion, will the minister tell the House whether the government is prepared to introduce legislation that will allow the granting of funds to groups seeking to reduce the horrendous figure of some 40,000 abortions in this country each year by counselling people on the positive alternatives?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I would not in my answer like to appear to endorse the premise of the hon. member's question. However, I have already indicated to him that I am reviewing the whole aspect of financing in this area at the present time and I will be in touch with some of the organizations concerned in the near future.

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### ENERGY

#### OIL—SCOPE OF SUPPLY ALLOCATION BILL—REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION

**Mr. Harvie Andre (Calgary Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. It is supplementary to the question asked by the hon. member for Scarborough East. It follows on the minister's answer that the technical advisory committee advocated compulsory allocation. Having regard to Mr. Stabback's statement last night that members of the technical advisory committee are not at all unanimous in their views as to the scope of the bill, will the minister specify the nature of the criticism of the scope of the bill and will he consider reducing the scope of this bill?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The minister will be allowed to reply briefly to the hon. member's supplementary ques-