

Oral Questions

what those terms are going to be? Those terms could affect the deal.

So, I would ask the Minister to stand in his place in this House and tell us the terms he intends to put on Amoco in respect of this takeover.

[Translation]

Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I would point out to my colleague that all countries attending yesterday's International Energy Agency meeting were in agreement on a basic principle, namely that energy supply will be guaranteed through a free market economy, a far cry from the proposal of the socialist party across the aisle. As to tomorrow's meeting, Canadian legislation provides that the Government can express its requirements through Investment Canada. Our general requirements have been made public. We are waiting for a proposal to make sure that once the final agreement is signed it is in the interest of Canadians, and the best interest of Canadians is to make sure that drilling operations continue on Dome lands, Mr. Speaker.

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[English]

LOBBYISTS

REGISTRATION—INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister, and it concerns the registration of lobbyists.

On September 9, 1985, in an open letter to Members of Parliament and Senators, the Prime Minister wrote:

I have accordingly asked my colleague, the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs to prepare on an urgent basis, legislation to govern lobbying activity.

On December 19, 1985, the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs presented a White Paper on lobbying, instead of legislation.

On January 27, 1987, an all-Party committee presented a report recommending the registration of lobbyists.

My question, very simply, is: Where is the Bill?

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the timetable outlined by the Hon. Member should have also included the fact that in February the House passed a motion agreeing to the committee's report; and based on that motion, I am preparing legislation, which I shall introduce in the House soon.

Mr. Boudria: So much for the promise of the Prime Minister.

[Translation]

SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF LOBBYISTS—REQUEST FOR INCLUSION IN TERMS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the Prime Minister who had promised to introduce this Bill urgently. Is the Prime Minister now prepared to assure the House that the Bill, when available, will provide for disclosure of lobbyists' salaries and expenses, as well as registration of the Government officials who have rallied to their cause? Is he determined to include these specific provisions in the legislation?

[English]

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the report of the committee, which was unanimously endorsed—and I think the Hon. Member was on the committee—specifically recommended against including fees. Given that fact, I find it strange that this representation would now be made.

A Bill reflecting the deliberations of the committee will be brought forward.

I hope that the Hon. Member has not changed his mind from the position he took while a member of that committee.

Mr. Boudria: You don't read *Hansard* too well, either.

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ENERGY

OWNERSHIP OF OIL RESOURCES

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, my question is also for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.

As the Minister well knows, other oil-producing countries around the world have taken steps to ensure domestic control over that particular aspect of their respective energy sectors. One needs only to consider what has taken place in such countries as Norway, Great Britain, Venezuela, Mexico, as well as all of the countries of the Middle East, and even the United States of America.

Would the Minister indicate to the House and to the people of Canada a single oil-producing country that has not taken steps to ensure that the ownership and control of that critical resource remains in domestic hands? Could he name a single country that falls into that category?

[Translation]

Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, this is the most extraordinary question I have ever heard in the House. The energy reserves are on Canadian territory. They are developed under the jurisdiction of Canadian laws, whether in the area of transport, labour or even income tax. Mr. Speaker, all the countries of