

the question is that the deadline is not June 1. The answer to the last part of the question is no.

**Mr. Shields:** Madam Speaker, that is one of the clearest answers that the minister has given. I would much rather have a straightforward answer such as he gave this time than all the running around which he has been doing.

The minister talks about a spirit of willingness and a spirit of compromise which he is seeking from Alberta. Can the hon. gentleman indicate to the House what this spirit of willingness is, what are the areas of compromise he has indicated to Alberta that he requires in order that an energy agreement can be reached?

**Mr. Lalonde:** Yes, Madam Speaker.

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## NUCLEAR ENERGY

### REPORT ON STATE OF CANADIAN INDUSTRY

**Mr. G. M. Gurbin (Bruce-Grey):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. It deals with the recently released Secor report which is a fairly comprehensive report on the Canadian nuclear Candu system. Has the minister had a chance to review this report? In the report there is a comment that the Canadian nuclear industry hovers on the brink of a crisis which threatens to bring it to its knees. This is really a comment on the many years of Liberal government activity in terms of its efforts to commercialize a Canadian energy system in the international market. We know that the Liberal party has an internal mini-review of the nuclear industry. I wonder if this review had been completed and if the minister took into account the Secor Report.

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Yes, Madam Speaker. I would like to add that the hon. member seems to have forgotten the nine months when the Conservatives held office, when the antics of their secretary of state for external affairs created very serious difficulties with regard to our sales to some other countries.

**Mr. Clark:** That's not true, and you know it.

**Mr. Gurbin:** Madam Speaker, the minister knows that I think he is a nice guy, but I am sure he would not want to hide 16 years of Liberal incompetence in the areas of energy and finance behind nine months of the only freshness this country has had in the last 16 years.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Gurbin:** The Secor report suggests that we should have a 20 per cent share of the global market for Candu or any nuclear reactors. The essence of the report is that the Liberal government, along with AECL—

## Oral Questions

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please. The answers have been remarkably short. I would urge hon. members to put equally remarkably short questions.

**Mr. Gurbin:** I was antagonized, Madam Speaker.

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

**Mr. Gurbin:** My very short supplementary question, Madam Speaker, is for the same minister. Does the minister understand that the essence of the Secor report is that what we need is a major Canadian manufacturing vendor to make the system work? Is he prepared to act quickly to see that occurs so that we can have a Canadian system which can effectively compete on world markets, in order that our whole Canadian nuclear industry, our research and development programs, in fact our contribution to global energy needs, will not wither away while we sit idly by?

**Mr. Lalonde:** Madam Speaker, we are reviewing this matter. I can say that steps have already been taken to integrate our efforts abroad on a better basis than ever before. In particular AECL, Ontario Hydro and the Association of Canadian Nuclear Industries are now working very closely together. They are making representations abroad on a joint basis. These efforts have been quite effective in the few seminars and events which have been organized by these groups in various countries which are interested in Candu. We are monitoring the situation very closely. We are examining the advisability of developing further structures. We are working very closely with the industry at the present time.

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## LABOUR RELATIONS

### STRIKE BY NORDAIR FLIGHT ATTENDANTS

**Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Labour, notice of which I gave to his office. In view of the fact that Nordair flight attendants have been without a contract for six months and have been on strike for something over a week, and in view of the fact that Nordair is owned by Air Canada and that these attendants want something equivalent to parity with Air Canada employees, can the minister tell us whether it is true that he authorized or approved Nordair clerks and ticket agents taking three-day crash courses as flight attendants in order to keep Nordair flights in operation during this labour dispute?

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**Hon. Gerald Regan (Minister of Labour):** Madam Speaker, it is true that a work stoppage has been under way at Nordair for a period of time. The Montreal office has been in touch with the parties and they are aware that mediation—

**Mr. Nielsen:** You are doing very well, Gerry. You read very well.