

government of Manitoba and Manitoba Hydro with respect to hydro projects in northern Manitoba, would the minister advise the House what representations he has made on behalf of those Indians to the government of Manitoba or to Manitoba Hydro, and what the results of his representations have been?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, a few weeks ago I wrote the Manitoba premier concerning this. Last week, during the premiers' visit to Ottawa, when I raised again this issue with Mr. Schryer, his reply was that he was drafting a letter. Not having received it yet, I am still waiting for it.

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[English]

TRANSPORT

LEGISLATION GOVERNING MANUFACTURE OF MOTOR VEHICLE GAS TANKS

Mr. Harry Kuntz (Battle River): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport on a matter related to a question I asked of him in the House the day before yesterday. Will the minister tell the House whether or not there is existing legislation governing the manufacturing of motor vehicle gas tanks such as to strength, gauge of material, and the welding technique used?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, a division of the department is responsible for highway safety and all parts used to build a car are assessed according to established standards.

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[English]

MANPOWER

LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—NUMBER OF PROJECTS APPROVED AND TOTAL DOLLAR VALUE IN EACH PROVINCE

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Is he giving consideration to making a statement early next week informing the House how many LIP projects have been approved for continuation in each province, and the total dollar value of each project?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to convey that information to the House in one form or another when it is available to me. At the moment those figures are not finalized, and I am not sure they are in a form that I could use early next week. As soon as they are available I will see that hon. members are informed.

Oral Questions

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

GASOLINE—COMPLAINTS OF INDEPENDENT RETAILERS CONCERNING PRICE INCREASES

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. It concerns reports of price rises and price fixing in the wholesaling of gasoline by large companies to independent wholesalers, who in turn sell to the small independent gasoline retailers. I would like to ask the minister if any complaints have been submitted by any independent gasoline retailers or their associations concerning this matter?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, matters of this kind have been brought to the attention of the Combines Branch from time to time.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

LEGISLATION TO INCREASE BASIC RATE OF DISABILITY PENSION—DATE OF INTRODUCTION

Mr. Ian Arrol (York East): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the President of the Privy Council. In view of the statement today by the Minister of Veterans Affairs that legislation to increase the basic rate of disability pensions for veterans will not be introduced before the end of May as he predicted, may I ask the President of the Privy Council if he could give the government's assurance that such legislation will be introduced before the end of June?

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Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I should like to give that assurance and I think I can. I would certainly guarantee it would be introduced and dealt with before we rise for the summer recess.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

CRASH OF SEA KING HELICOPTER—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF MECHANICAL RELIABILITY

Mr. Stan Schellenberger (Wetaskiwin): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence. In view of another recent crash of a Sea King helicopter in the Atlantic, at which time the captain and his crew were fortunately rescued, would the minister now look into the matter of the mechanical reliability of these helicopters as brought to light by my question on the order paper?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): This has been done, Mr. Speaker.