

Inquiries of the Ministry
INDUSTRY

REVIEW OF DESIGNATED AREA POLICY
RESPECTING ATLANTIC PROVINCES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Industry. Is it the intention of the government to review the designated area policy of the Department of Industry in so far as the Atlantic provinces are concerned?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. gentleman will recognize that a periodic review is made in respect of all the designated areas as well as the non-designated areas.

Mr. Coates: Could the minister be more specific so far as Halifax, Dartmouth, Saint John and Fredericton are concerned? Is any consideration being given to including them?

Mr. Drury: Mr. Speaker, a review of these particular areas was made as recently as last November.

Mr. Coates: Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Finance. Would the minister indicate whether the change of attitude regarding a review of this policy so far as the Atlantic provinces are concerned is in effect only until April 6?

SPORTS

SKIING—FEDERAL REPRESENTATION AT
CHAMPIONSHIP MEET IN B.C.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I have much pleasure in addressing a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the fact that for the first time in Canadian history the top skiers of the world will compete in the du Maurier international world cup championship in Rossland, B.C., the home of Nancy Greene, from March 25 to March 31 inclusive, and in view of the minister's particular interest in physical fitness and amateur sports and the wishes of the people in the district, would the minister consider representing the federal government on this very historic occasion?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): I would be delighted, Mr. Speaker.

[Mr. Robichaud.]

AIRPORTS

VANCOUVER—CHARGING OF TOLLS ON
NEW ACCESS BRIDGE

On the orders of the day:

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the Minister of Transport. In connection with the new access route which is proposed for the air terminal building at Vancouver international airport—now under construction—is the federal government contemplating the charging of tolls on the new Fraser river bridge that will be involved?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): If you are referring to the Middle Arm bridge from Lulu island to Sea island, it is proposed that this will be part of the over-all toll structure for access to the airport, but this matter is still under negotiation with the provincial government. It could be that they would have a new proposal which, because of their contributing in some way, would make it unnecessary for us to charge tolls on that particular bridge.

Mr. Fulton: In my question I was referring to the new bridge which is to be constructed, and asked whether there will be charges. Is that the bridge to which the minister referred?

Mr. Hellyer: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Fulton: I should like to ask the minister whether he will immediately reconsider the government's position in order that the Vancouver international airport may not become the only one in Canada which is subject to tolls in respect of access routes.

Mr. Hellyer: Mr. Speaker, I think it is about the only place in Canada where the provincial and municipal governments are unwilling to carry out the responsibilities which would normally fall within their jurisdictions. The only solution I know of is the one proposed by the government of Canada under my predecessor, namely providing an access road to recover on behalf of the Canadian taxpayers the expenditures involved.

Mr. Fulton: Is the government proposing the acquisition from the province of its interest in one of the existing access approaches in order that tolls may be imposed in respect of that structure as well?

Mr. Hellyer: There is only one access at the moment, and this is the subject of the negotiations currently under way with provincial authorities.