

Order Paper Questions

[English]

REQUEST FOR INQUIRY INTO USE OF CHEMICAL PESTICIDES

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 106. The petition is signed by petitioners from Hinton, Calgary, Olds, and Medicine Hat, Alberta, as well as Lillooet, Crescent Valley, Kootney Bay, Nelson, Castlegar, South Slokan, Winlaw, Silverton, Mayerthorpe and Rochford Bridge in British Columbia.

The petitioners are concerned about the increased number of chemicals being used as herbicides and insecticides. They believe it has been proven to be harmful to human health. They are also concerned that these chemicals produce short and long term harmful effects on non-target organisms such as soil and water.

The petitioners therefore humbly pray and call upon the House of Commons to initiate a full public inquiry into the safety, testing, registration and regulation of the use of pesticides and the examination of alternative ways of controlling pests such as biological control and plant derived pesticides.

FREE TRADE—EFFECT ON AUTO PACT SAFEGUARDS

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition to present to the House which deals with the question of the Auto Pact and the concern that my constituents and constituents in other parts of the country have with respect to the safeguards in the Auto Pact. I am certain that many of those constituents will be pleased to see the report from the Standing Committee on External Affairs and International Trade which also supports those safeguards.

I would therefore table this petition because of the petitioners' concern with the many thousands of jobs which could be lost if the safeguards themselves are done away with.

* * *

● (1130)

[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 119 and 137.

[Text]

FEDERAL CLEAN COAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Question No. 119—**Mr. Caccia:**

1. In 1985 was a federal clean coal technology program announced with a budget of \$70 million and have the funds been allocated and, if so (a) in what manner (b) to whom (c) on what dates?

2. Are the projects cost-shared or wholly funded by the Government?

3. Have there been recent changes to the total value of funds committed under the program and, if so, is the commitment now greater than, or less than, the original \$70 million?

Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): 1. On March 6, 1985 the Government announced the unveiling of the federal acid rain control program. A press release, of the same date, stated "We are continuing our support of technology development for the cleaner and more efficient use of coal for power generation. Over \$70 million has been budgeted".

This \$70 million was a compilation of funds already committed by Energy, Mines and Resources for both coal research and development and for the Coal Utilization Demonstration Program to be spent between 1985/86 and 1988/89. For breakdown of expenditures, see below.

(a)—(c) The funds identified by CANMET were planned expenditures for the 1985/89 period for either in-house or contracted work.

The funds planned to be spent under the Coal Utilization Program were for projects already approved by Treasury Board with the exception of a coal beneficiation study for which several contracts have been let for various phases.

Allocations under the Coal Utilization Program which constitute a major part of the \$70 million are as follows:

(I) CIRCULATING FLUID BED COMBUSTION DEMONSTRATION PROJECT, CHATHAM, NEW BRUNSWICK

Agreement made on December 19, 1983 between the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission and Energy, Mines and Resources after approval from Treasury Board on September 13, 1983. Treasury Board gave authority to enter into Phase II of this agreement on August 1, 1984.

(II) COAL-WATER FUELS DEMONSTRATION PROJECT, CHARLOTTETOWN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Agreement made with the Maritime Electric Company approved by Treasury Board February 13, 1985 and signed effective March 1, 1985.

(III) BUBBLING FLUID BED COMBUSTION MATERIALS TESTING PROGRAM, POINT TUPPER, NOVA SCOTIA

Agreement made on September 1, 1982 between Nova Scotia Power Corporation and Energy, Mines and Resources after Treasury Board approval on July 29, 1982.

(IV) SELECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES

Agreement made with the Canadian Electrical Association initially on January 1, 1982 after Treasury Board approval November 5, 1981. Subsequent releases of additional funds were approved by Treasury Board November 22, 1982; June 13, 1984; and July 23, 1986.