

*Order Paper Questions*

7. Will the pertinent Orders in Council that attempt to clarify the Official languages Act be re-drafted to provide remedy for the children of members of the Canadian Armed Forces who have virtually completed second language schooling upon the release or retirement from the CAF of their parents?

**Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, the answer to the first part of the question is: entitlement in respect of Francophone classes was provided to the Kennedy children from September, 1969 onwards. Both children had completed grade 5 at the time of Mr. Kennedy's retirement from the Canadian armed forces in August, 1974.

The answer to the second part of the question is two years.

The answer to the third part is 14 pupils.

The answer to the fourth part is yes. The matter was reviewed and conforming to policy which applies to attendance at DND dependants schools everywhere in Canada the Dartmouth Municipal School Board was advised that such attendance would be limited to the end of the school year in which the member retired.

The answer to the fifth part is yes.

The answer to the sixth part is that the decision conforms to the responsibility of providing educational facilities for children of members of the Canadian forces. This responsibility ceases when the member leaves the forces.

The answer to the seventh part is no. The schooling of children of released or retired Canadian forces personnel is the responsibility of the province and the municipality where such personnel have elected to reside after their retirement.

**\*FEDERAL TAX REMISSION APPLICATIONS FOR TRUCK TRAILERS IN STOCK ON NOVEMBER 18, 1974**

**Question No. 1,018—Mr. Fairweather:**

Will the government accept certified federal sales tax remission applications for truck trailers in stock on November 18, 1974 thus avoiding loss due to budgetary provisions on inventory upon which tax has been paid?

**Mr. Jack Cullen (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, the question is raised by the hon. member for Fundy-Royal (Mr. Fairweather) and the answer is that on December 2, 1974, the minister issued a press release announcing that it was his intention to ask the government to provide relief from federal sales tax for tax paid inventories of trucks and other transportation equipment affected by the sales tax exemptions proposed in the November 18 budget. The relief, which would be provided by way of an order in council, would apply to inventories of new transportation equipment on which tax has been paid and which were being held for resale.

**Mr. Reid:** I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Mr. Forrestall.]

**MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26**

[English]

**ENERGY**

**ASSURANCE OF ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF OIL AT REASONABLE PRICES BY SIGNING SYNCRUDE AGREEMENT**

**Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** Mr. Speaker, I ask leave, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles), to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 26, for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the necessity of determining whether the precedent setting nature of the proposed Syncrude agreement on the tar sands will assure for the future an adequate supply of oil at reasonable prices for Canadians.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Pursuant to Standing Order 26 the hon. member, of course, has given the Chair notice of his intention to propose this motion, which therefore has given the Chair an opportunity to consider it carefully. There can be no doubt that the decision to set aside the time of the House for a special debate pursuant to Standing Order 26 is one which ought to be very carefully taken, and certainly the subject matter which has been put forward by the hon. member is of sufficient significance to warrant careful consideration pursuant to that rule.

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It is a very clear aspect of that rule in all its applications in the past, however, that a prominent feature of the decision ought to be related to whether the House will consider the subject matter in some other way. Obviously the government, having made a commitment of this sort, must come to parliament for approval in some way or other of that commitment. It is at that time, therefore, that parliament will have the proper opportunity to direct itself to the safeguards involved in the commitments involved in all those questions which are inherent in the motion which the hon. member puts forward.

I might add that if the future proves me to be wrong in that contention, and if it were to be contemplated that that sort of commitment could be made without the matter coming before parliament in some way for approval, I would have no hesitation in regarding that as sufficient grounds for setting aside the regular business of the House pursuant to Standing Order 26.

Order, please. The Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council (Mr. Reid).

**MOTIONS FOR PAPERS**

[English]

**Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I would ask that all notices of motions be allowed to stand.