

Oral Questions

been complied with by the railways. If the hon. member has other representations to make, that is another matter.

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ENERGY**FUNDY TIDAL POWER—AVAILABILITY OF REPORT OF REVIEW COMMITTEE BEFORE FIRST MINISTERS CONFERENCE**

Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland-Colchester North): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. The minister informed me last week that he would find out whether the results of the re-examination of the Fundy tidal power report would be available before the meeting of first ministers takes place. Is the minister now able to tell us when this report will be available?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): My understanding is that the studies which were commissioned by the joint federal-provincial commission will be available by the end of the month, and I hope to be able to report to the hon. member as soon as the commission can report to me concerning its conclusions.

**FORTHCOMING FIRST MINISTERS CONFERENCE—
REPRESENTATION FOR YUKON AND NORTHWEST
TERRITORIES**

Miss Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, my question is also directed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Is the minister in a position to answer the question which was raised on Tuesday of this week by the hon. member for Yukon, and tell us whether arrangements have yet been made to permit representation of the northern territories at the federal-provincial energy conference later this month?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): As I indicated earlier, since this is to be a meeting of first ministers the arrangements are being made by an agency of government other than my own department. My understanding is that arrangements have not yet been completed with regard to this matter but perhaps my colleague, the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, could comment on the specific question of representation of the territories.

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): This question is being looked into. I can assure the hon. member that the Northwest Territories and the Yukon will be adequately represented at the conference.

**INCLUSION OF YUKON AND NORTHWEST TERRITORIES IN
EQUALIZATION OF FUEL COSTS**

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): May I ask a supplementary question which was not answered directly by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources when I put it to him the other day? It has to do with the policy of the government of Canada with respect to treating the Yukon and the

[Mr. Marchand (Langelier).]

Northwest Territories in the same way as other regions of Canada under the fuel cost equalization policy. The minister's commissioner said this should be done. Was he stating government policy when he made that statement?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, obviously if a policy of uniform oil prices across Canada is adopted, it will certainly apply to the Yukon and Northwest Territories as well as Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

Mr. Dick: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I did not intend to rise today until I heard the answer given by the Prime Minister to the hon. member for High Park-Humber Valley to the effect that the federal government did not have any jurisdiction when it came to looking into an allegation of criminal activity, that it was entirely a provincial matter because it involved a provincial government. I think it is a matter of importance that the Minister of Justice, who is also Attorney General, and who has responsibilities in connection with the Criminal Code, certainly including the power to enforce sections 107, 108 and 110—

Mr. Speaker: Order. That is obviously a matter of debate, not a point of order.

Mr. Dick: I submit it is a point of order, that perhaps the Prime Minister should know now so he can take action if the House is going to adjourn.

Mr. Speaker: That is a representation, not a point of order.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise on a point of order. With due respect to Your Honour, I have been on my feet every day this week during the question period seeking to ask a question which I consider to be an important one. Your Honour has been most indulgent today. There have been a number of questions of privilege and points of order raised during the question period. You have allowed the period to run beyond the normal 40 minutes. I recognize this. I should like to appeal, through you, to hon. members of the House, on behalf of those of us who sit in the back row, to permit those of us who have questions to ask to be given an opportunity to do so. The question I have in mind has nothing whatever to do with my constituency. I am looking for security in the Canadian public service—this is the portent of my question. I would be most grateful if those of us in the back row, whom Your Honour has been unable to recognize and who have questions to ask, could have some means by which they could be recognized on the third or fourth day.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: That is a very good point and one with which I sympathize. I notice that the hon. member's support comes from the third, fourth and fifth rows. I am in full agreement with the point made. As hon. members are aware, I frequently call for co-operation in limiting supplementaries so as to give increased opportunity to mem-