

Oral Questions

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity; therefore the motion cannot be put.

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[English]

SHIPPING

LEGISLATION ON COASTING TRADE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Paddy Neale (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the significant loss of employment to Canadian seamen due to the delay in implementation of a Canadian coasting trade, outlined in the government's statement of policy on September 24, 1973, I move, seconded by the hon. member for New Westminster (Mr. Leggatt):

That this House direct the Minister of Transport to introduce forthwith the Coasting Trade Act which received cabinet approval on March 14, 1974.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent.

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PETROLEUM ADMINISTRATION ACT

PROVISION OF EXPORT CHARGE, COMPENSATION FOR OIL IMPORT COSTS, AND REGULATION OF PRICE OF CANADIAN CRUDE IN INTERPROVINCIAL AND EXPORT TRADE

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-18, to impose a charge on the export of crude oil and certain petroleum products, to provide compensation for certain oil import costs and to regulate the price of Canadian crude oil in interprovincial and export trade.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

● (1410)

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

ENERGY

SOURCE OF INFORMATION THAT CANADIAN FUEL MARKETERS LIMITED HAD OPTIONS TO PURCHASE HEATING OIL—INDEPENDENT CHECKS BEFORE PURCHASE BY GOVERNMENT

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. In view of the statement made by

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the Minister of Supply and Services indicating that in the course of meetings of the technical advisory committee that was established to advise the minister and the department about the supply of oil it became known to the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources that Canadian Fuel Marketers Limited had options to purchase a certain amount of heating fuel on the world market, would the minister tell the House very briefly how this became known and could he table what documentation exists in this matter?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, it was through participation of the CFM representatives on the technical advisory committee.

Mr. Stanfield: Since this company, Canadian Fuel Marketers Limited, and its parent, Shell Canada Limited, were both represented on the technical advisory committee, can the minister tell the House what independent checks were made of world markets, what independent checks were undertaken before the Department of Supply and Services was requested to purchase these supplies reported as being available?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, just to correct the Leader of the Opposition, it is my understanding that CFM is a subsidiary of Shell International rather than Shell Canada. My officials made their own check of the international market, the Rotterdam and New York prices which, of course, are publicly posted prices.

PRICE PAID BY GOVERNMENT FOR HEATING OIL PURCHASED FROM ROUMANIA

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Since part of the arrangement with Canadian Fuel Marketers Limited evidently involved picking up an existing contract of that company for five million gallons of oil from Roumania, would the minister tell the House what price the government paid for that oil, specifically the Roumanian oil covered by that arrangement for five million gallons?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I do not have that figure with me. My recollection is that the Minister of Supply and Services indicated that he would be making public details of the individual options once they were exercised.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Supply and Services. Can the minister tell the House specifically what price the government paid or is due to pay for that oil covered by a contract for five million gallons to be purchased from Roumania?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): Mr. Speaker, we paid for Roumanian oil 99½ cents per gallon.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Goyer: For Caribbean oil we paid from 60 cents to 86 cents, for an average of 79 cents altogether. I have to