

Oral Questions

thing wrong with marketing boards. I am sure they will not. That is why I am in favour of the grant.

Mr. Speaker: That is hardly a point of order; it is a matter of debate.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION**MULTIPURPOSE WATER PROJECT PROGRAM—
PROVINCIAL APPROVAL**

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. A press release put out on his behalf by the Minister of Justice on March 2 indicated there is to be a major change in the water development program under PFRA, which would involve concentration on multipurpose water projects, and that this would be subject to approval by the province. May I ask whether such approval has been obtained and whether further details are available?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Speaking from memory, I recall it has been approved by some western provinces but I am not certain whether all three of the provinces affected have actually signed. However, I will be glad to get a definite answer for the hon. member.

Mr. Korchinski: Would this program be subject to approval by all the provinces or would approval by individual provinces be sufficient?

Mr. Jamieson: It would be a program which could, in fact, function as between one provincial government and the federal government.

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HEALTH AND WELFARE**INQUIRY AS TO PROPOSALS TO PROVINCES RESPECTING
DAY-CARE CENTRES**

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In light of the fact that the working document tabled by the minister on April 18 makes only a passing reference to the subject of day care, can the hon. gentleman now outline what specific proposals, if any, the government has made to the provinces, and tell us within what time framework the government intends to provide the country with a meaningful day-care policy?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): If the hon. member would care to keep on reading for a few more pages he would find that the timetable is set out in the document.

Mr. Paproski: I have read the document and it does not help with regard to day-care centres. Would the minister tell us at this time what undertakings his department has made with a view to providing 24-hour day-care service for mothers who work night shifts?

[Mr. Whelan.]

Mr. Lalonde: There are no such undertakings, Mr. Speaker.

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FISHERIES**PREVENTION OF SALE OF CANNERY TO JAPANESE
INTERESTS**

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries. Are Japanese interests seeking to buy the cannery owned by the Cassiar Fishing Company located just outside Prince Rupert? If so, has he any plans to prevent this particular sale?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries): It is true that Japanese interests have been negotiating with the Canadian owners of the Cassiar Fishing Company for purchase of at least part of the control of that company. The company knows that if this were to happen the licences for the fishing vessels, which amount to the right to fish for salmon off the west coast, would change in status.

Mr. Howard: Could the minister tell the House how these licences would change in status, and will he take steps to ensure that this enterprise remains in the hands of Canadians, particularly of Canadian fishermen?

Mr. Davis: If the sale were completed and a transfer of control were to take place, the licences would drop from category A to category B and be subject to a definite time limit.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION**CIP PLANT IN TEMISCAMING—MEETING BETWEEN
PRESIDENT AND QUEBEC MINISTER OF LANDS AND
FORESTS RESPECTING POSSIBLE REOPENING**

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the hon. Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

In Montreal, today, Mr. Finnigan, the president of Canadian International Paper Company, is meeting Mr. Drummond, the Quebec Minister of Lands and Forests. Are federal officials attending this meeting in order to settle this problem once and for all?

[English]

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): I am not sure whether federal officials would be present, but within a few moments I shall be calling the provincial minister to whom the hon. member has referred and discussing the matter personally with him on the telephone.