

Inquiries of the Ministry

reference to the International Joint Commission on the subject of the TAPS plan?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, to the best of my knowledge no such consideration is under surveillance at the present time. The International Joint Commission, of course, is under the responsibility of the Secretary of State for External Affairs. I cannot tell what action would be planned after the Washington meetings, but at the present time I do not believe there is such an intention.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, when the minister used the word "surveillance" did he mean that he is afraid of being bugged too?

Mr. Speaker: The Chair will recognize a last supplementary on this subject from the hon. member for Hillsborough and will then recognize the hon. member for Saint-Denis.

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): A supplementary question to the Acting Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. In light of the statement by the Minister of Public Works that Canada should scarcely criticize the western oil tanker route, can the Acting Prime Minister tell me which of the several and varying ministerial viewpoints the Secretary of State for External Affairs will be reflecting on May 3, when he talks to the Americans?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am sure the Secretary of State for External Affairs will reflect the viewpoint of the government.

An hon. Member: What is that?

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

1915 ARMENIAN MASSACRE—REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE MEET DELEGATION

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis): My question is for the Acting Prime Minister.

[*Translation*]

Tomorrow, April 24, the Armenian community of Canada will commemorate with a great peaceful march on Parliament Hill the slaughter of more than 1,500,000 Armenians. Would the Acting Prime Minister say whether a representative of the Department of External Affairs will greet the delegation?

[*English*]

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for giving me notice of this question. As far as I am aware, it is not the intention that any member of the government will meet with this delegation which will be on Parliament Hill tomorrow, though we do recall the tragic events to which this demonstration is related.

[*Mr. Fairweather.*]

AGRICULTURE

INTERPROVINCIAL MARKETING—FEDERAL INTERVENTION IN PROCEEDINGS BEFORE SUPREME COURT RESPECTING VALIDITY OF PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture in connection with the increasing severity of the interprovincial restrictions on agricultural trade and the government's view that they will be disposed of by Bill C-176. Can the minister advise whether it is the intention of the government to instruct counsel to appear at the proceedings now coming before the Supreme Court of Canada, in order to oppose the validity of the provincial regulations which have given rise to this very serious situation?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I will consider that very interesting suggestion and discuss it with the Minister of Justice.

Mr. Baldwin: In taking it into consideration, will the minister bear in mind that it is the understanding that the case will be before the Supreme Court of Canada very shortly and if the government is going to intervene it should make up its mind to do so at once and instruct counsel accordingly?

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

POINT ROBERTS REFERENCE TO INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION—PROPOSAL OF PARK BY CANADA

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey-White Rock): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Acting Prime Minister. Having in mind the statement made yesterday by the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry indicating a reference of the status of Point Roberts to the International Joint Commission, may I ask whether, in that connection, it will be Canada's intention to propose the creation of an international park at Point Roberts? This is a question of great interest in British Columbia.

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, to my knowledge no decision has been taken by the government to make such a proposal, but I will be happy to draw the representation of the hon. member to the attention of the minister who can reply in further detail, if necessary.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

QUEBEC REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING BILL—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON PROVINCIAL OBJECTIONS PRIOR TO COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I wanted to direct a question to the Minister of Labour but in his absence I shall direct it to his parliamentary secretary. Since we will be dealing with the amendments to the Unemployment Insurance Act in the near future and as it is necessary for the committee to be