

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Planning with regard to Shoal Lake is proceeding on several fronts and at various levels of government. The provinces of Ontario and Manitoba, jointly, are preparing a Shoal Lake Management Planning Strategy and the federal government was invited to send participants to a workshop on the subject which was held at Kenora, Ontario on February 20, 1990. Three people from the Inland Waters Directorate of Environment Canada attended the workshop. Indian Affairs and Northern Development also was represented.

A Tripartite Agreement regarding Shoal Lake was signed by the Shoal Lake Indian Band #40, the Province of Manitoba, and the City of Winnipeg on June 30, 1989. Included in this Agreement is the requirement for the Band to develop an Environmental Management Plan. Negotiations currently are under way between the Band and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada regarding federal assistance in carrying out the Band responsibilities under the Agreement, including the Environmental Management Plan. These negotiations will culminate in "The Shoal Lake Band #40 / Canada Agreement Respecting the Economy and the Environment". This is the federal agreement required under the terms of the Tripartite Agreement.

A third area of concern at Shoal Lake is proposed Consolidated Professor Gold Mine of Steven's Inland in the lake. There has been a request for FEARO involvement in this proposal, but by letter of December 1989 to the Honourable Glen Cummings, M.L.A., the Minister stated that the EARP will not be applied to the proposed gold mine. This mining proposal would be covered by the Ontario / Manitoba Shoal Lake Management Planning Strategy.

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): The question as enumerated by the parliamentary secretary has been answered.

Mr. Cooper: Madam Speaker, I ask that all remaining questions be allowed to stand.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Is it agreed?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Government Orders

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[Translation]

BORROWING AUTHORITY ACT, 1990-91

MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed from Thursday, March 29, consideration of the motion of Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre) that Bill C-65, an Act to provide borrowing authority, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): The hon. member for Saint-Boniface (Mr. Duhamel).

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (Saint-Boniface): Madam Speaker, when I took the floor last week on this motion, I indicated that by looking carefully at a person's actions, we could establish that person's values and priorities. We could do the same with the government.

If we consider their actions, if we look at what they are doing and what they intend to do, we could try, and I think we could, in fact, establish a very clear picture of their values, beliefs and priorities.

Now suppose we quickly identify this government's actions. I indicated that they cut transfer payments on health care. Who is affected by these cutbacks? Seniors who need care, and the sick and the handicapped. I also pointed out that they cut transfer payments for education. And who is affected by these cuts? Young people and mature students who go to university and college.

We talked about their infamous clawback which has a direct impact on seniors and families. What does this tell us about their priorities and values? Hon. members will recall that before and during the election campaign, there was talk of setting up daycare centres. What was done? Nothing, absolutely nothing.

• (1640)

Mr. Corbeil: Bill C-21 is blocked in the Senate!

Mr. Duhamel: And of course they try to put the blame on the Senate. When you are weak and don't have the guts to do what you promise, you blame somebody else. That is also one of this government's values, and it certainly says a lot about this government. When you can't do what you promise, when you don't have the guts to do it, when you don't intend to do it, you put the blame on somebody else. You are like a little boy who takes a cookie and says: It isn't my fault, Mom, my brother told me to take it.