

Inquiries of the Ministry

mally protest this policy proposal to the United States Atomic Energy Commission?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, this temporary embargo—and I underline temporary—was established in 1964 and still exists. We have protested, as a government, on a number of occasions. The protest I remember most vividly is the time three ministers of the Canadian government gave a note to the ambassador of the United States in Ottawa saying that this measure was a “non-GATTable” one, if I may use that word. We have repeated these views since, and we are preparing to make them known again to the United States Atomic Energy Commission.

GATT NEGOTIATIONS—ACCESS TO UNITED STATES
MARKET FOR CANADIAN URANIUM

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Can the minister say if access to the United States for Canadian Uranium market is one of the items on the agenda of the mid-November GATT talks, and if so can the minister say if all reasonable pressure will be applied to have the United States market open to Canadian uranium in mid-1973 as was previously provided in the United States policy?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): I think I have mentioned before, Mr. Speaker, that this is one of the items on which we have strong views to express to the United States.

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SHIPPING

COASTAL STEAMER SERVICE—TERMINATION OF
SUDSIDY TO VANCOUVER ISLAND SERVICE

Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): My question is for the Minister of Transport. Are all subventions paid by the water transport committee to coastal steamer services being terminated as of the end of the year or is it only the service on the west coast of Vancouver Island which is being singled out for this action?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): I do not recall any general withdrawal of subsidies, Mr. Speaker. I know there have been some in different parts of the country. Perhaps the best thing I could do is advise the hon. member that I will get details for him from the Transport Commission.

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POLLUTION

POSSIBLE DANGER FROM DAMAGED TANKERS BEYOND
TERRITORIAL WATERS—GOVERNMENT ACTION—
RESPONSIBILITY FOR DECISION TO ACT

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): I have a question for the Minister of the Environment arising out of the statement at the bottom of page 13 or 14 of his recent speech to which reference has been made. He referred to action taken beyond our territorial limits. In view of the fact that the minister has indicated legislation

[Mr. Foster.]

will not be introduced, I should like to ask whether it is his view and the view of the government that this kind of action is now authorized by the government?

• (2:50 p.m.)

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, the action to which the Leader of the Opposition refers is one in self-defence or self-protection taken in the event of a tanker breaking up or in the event of a ship containing toxic chemicals being in difficulties near our shore but, conceivably, outside our territorial limits. I stated that it would be essential for Canada to act in its best interests and, indeed, the best interests of all countries and to deal with that kind of situation at once.

Mr. Stanfield: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. We have just about run out of time. The Leader of the Opposition may ask a supplementary, after which the Chair will recognize the hon. member for Témiscamingue.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, may I ask the minister whether he proposes to exercise his judgment and make a decision as to when this kind of intervention should be made beyond our territorial waters?

Mr. Davis: Mr. Speaker, I am sure that if that action were taken, it would be only taken with the support of the government as a whole.

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[Translation]

AIR CANADA

REQUEST FOR DC-9 AIR SERVICE IN ROUYN-NORANDA
AREA

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question to the Minister of Transport.

I asked him several times in the House if he could not appeal to Air Canada so that it may improve its service in Rouyn-Noranda. Is the minister in a position today to say if eventually and very soon Air Canada will be willing to provide DC-9 service in that region?

Mr. Speaker: I feel that such a question should be put on the order paper or discussed on adjournment.

[English]

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

INCOME TAX ACT

The House resumed consideration in committee of Bill C-259, to amend the Income Tax Act and to make certain provisions and alterations in the statute law related to or consequential upon the amendments to that act—Mr. Benson—Mr. Honey in the chair.

On Clause 1—section 28—*Farming Business*

The Chairman: When the committee rose earlier, section 28 was being considered. Shall section 28 carry?