

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): No, Mr. Speaker, not before the summer recess.

Mr. Comeau: A supplementary question. Does the minister not agree that because his department is only now setting up an air pollution control division which will not start functioning for some time, it will be months, if not years—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question is clearly argumentative and because of this is not in order.

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): Has the minister stopped smoking cigarettes as a first step to preventing air pollution?

Mr. Munro: It depends on what day you are talking about.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

AVAILABILITY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES TO INDIAN AND MÉTIS COMMUNITIES

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. On February 23, as recorded in *Hansard*, the minister said he would give consideration to encouraging development of industry in areas where Métis and native Indian people are living. On February 26 the minister referred specifically to developments in Saskatchewan. In view of the expedition of the Parliament Secretary to the Minister of National Health and Welfare, can the minister now tell us if there are developments under way in north-western Saskatchewan?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Not to my knowledge specifically, Mr. Speaker. We are still working on a program for the Métis and native Indian people.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RECOGNITION OF EAST GERMANY

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. The minister advised the House that the government has no intention of recognizing the new Republic of Rhodesia. Has the government any intention of recognizing the Republic of East Germany?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): No, Mr. Speaker.

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National Parks Act

SOCIAL SECURITY

INQUIRY AS TO TABLING OF WHITE PAPER

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the fact that earlier today the minister referred to the white paper the government is preparing on social policy, can the minister give the House any indication when that paper will be available?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, it is hoped it will be ready prior to the end of this session.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

• (3:20 p.m.)

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

NATIONAL PARKS ACT

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING DEFINITION, ACQUISITION, ADMINISTRATION, ETC.

The House resumed from Tuesday, March 2, consideration of the motion of Mr. Chrétien that Bill C-152, to amend the National Parks Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development, and of the proposed amendment thereto of Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West) (page 4030).

Mr. Stan Schumacher (Palliser): Mr. Speaker, I am happy to see the minister is gracing us with his presence this afternoon. I hope he will remain in the chamber for the balance of this debate and answer some of the questions which have been asked. When we adjourned last night, I asked a question concerning the status of Imperial Oil and the development of the townsite at Lake Louise. If the rumours are true, this is further proof of this government's complete disregard for small and middle sized businesses and the fact that they are only for the big boys. The CPR has been in the park for years. They have never been disturbed. Are their hotels on a 42 year lease? If not, why not? I do not believe anyone should be put on such a restrictive basis as a 42 year lease. But if one group is, all should be. Everyone should be treated equally in what the government is pleased to refer to as the just society.

The basic trouble with the administration of our western national parks is that it recognizes only one facet of a two part problem.