

Indian Affairs and Northern Development. As to some of the specific details to which the hon. member has referred, I would not anticipate that we would be in a position to entertain applications with regard to the pipeline and therefore be able to define some of the criteria until about the end of the current calendar year. We are now in the process of completing studies, both environmental and economic, on the requirements which the government of Canada, through the National Energy Board, should impose on the construction of a northern pipeline. All the characteristics to which the hon. gentleman has referred have not yet been defined. As they are, certainly I will be glad to inform the House of them from time to time.

Mr. Douglas: In view of the minister's statement in Calgary that no applications for such pipelines could be considered until 1973, may I ask the minister if he would undertake to assure the House that prior to any commitments being made the House would first of all be acquainted with the ecological report being prepared by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and also with the energy report from his own department which we have been promised for the last two and a half years?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the hon. gentleman for assuming that I will be in office at that particular time. I would be quite happy to make certain that this particular information is made available to the House because, of course, it will be available to applicants for determining their applications.

RESEARCH ON METHODS OF OIL TRANSPORTATION TO MEET ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the minister. Is his department doing any research on methods of oil transportation, that is, carriage of oil, to meet the environmental problems? Is any special project under way in this regard?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): It is done on a broader basis than just by this department. It is a co-operative arrangement with the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Of course, as the hon. member knows, private industries have also been very much engaged in this area. I think I would have to get a little further detail as to which particular entity has carried out which particular research.

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MANPOWER

LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR QUEBEC MUNICIPAL PROJECTS

Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour.

Inquiries of the Ministry

In connection with the Local Initiatives Program, was the announcement last week by Quebec Municipal Affairs Minister Maurice Tessier of a \$5 million injection correct and does the Minister of Labour intend to make a statement on this shortly?

Mr. Speaker: The second part of the hon. member's question seems to be in order, and the minister may answer it. In the first part of his question, the hon. member asks for confirmation or denial of a statement made outside the House and for that reason, the question is not in order.

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Hon. Martin P. O'Connell (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I will take that under consideration.

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TRADE

AUTO PARTS—REPORTED U.S. DIRECTIVE TO ENFORCE REGULATIONS ON SHIPMENTS WITH SEVERITY—USE OF DISC PROGRAM BY AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the right hon. Prime Minister. Has the government looked into the suggestion made yesterday that the United States Secretary of the Treasury has issued a directive to customs officials telling them to enforce regulations "with considerable severity" in connection with auto parts shipments? If so, can the Prime Minister inform the House whether or not this has taken place?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I have not been able to confirm whether that is in effect what has been said in the United States. I do know it was in the papers this morning. I have not been able to confirm whether that is the position of the United States government.

Mr. Nesbitt: Mr. Speaker, I believe the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce stated last week that the government hoped United States auto producers would not make use of DISC. Has the government received any specific assurances to that effect?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I believe the minister did deal with this supplementary question when it was first asked, and he indicated that there had been no specific promises.

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GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

VANCOUVER—BRITISH COLUMBIA LEGISLATURE RESOLUTION CONCERNING CERTAIN NATIONAL DEFENCE LAND—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, on February 23 I asked the Prime Minister a question concerning the resolution passed unanimously by the legislature of British Columbia in connection with 38 acres of Jericho DND land. He said at that time that he