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any negotiations with the United States, Canada's position would, of course, be that only resources that are clearly surplus to Canada's needs now and in the future would be available. We have made no commitments or decisions; all we have done is to express our willingness to discuss any matters that might affect Canada's interests in regard to energy resources.

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): A further supplementary question. In view of the fact that any integrated energy policy between Canada and the United States would have to be approved by this House, and that not only the National Energy Board but members of the House ought to have the relevant information, I again ask the minister whether he would be prepared to refer this whole question to the appropriate committee of the House in order that members may be fully aware of what is our known potential and what our long-term needs are likely to be?

Mr. Greene: I would be very pleased to consider that suggestion. I am sure that at least some, if not all, of the information can be obtained when the estimates of the National Energy Board are before the committee. However, I will consider the specific suggestion of the hon. member as well.

CANADIAN SOVEREIGNTY**WATERS OF ARCTIC ARCHIPELAGO—
OPPORTUNITY TO DEBATE
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): I wish to put a question to the government House Leader, or perhaps I might raise the matter as a point of order. When is the government going to arrange to move for concurrence in the first report of the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development instead of continuing to bury this report as it has been doing for some time?

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, I have a question of privilege on this particular point and I raise it now because I think this is the only appropriate time to call Your Honour's attention and the attention of the House to a breach of privilege which has affected all members of the House. It arises because of a failure to allow hon. members their right, under tradition, practice, precedent and rules, to debate the report in question.

I do not intend to take up much time now because I will conclude by indicating the course I propose to take. The fact remains that while all reports of standing committees are not the subject of debate, a report of this character, in which the committee says that the waters lying between the islands of the Arctic archipelago have been and are subject to the sovereignty of Canada, and that without exercising such sovereignty the possibility of pollution and danger to the Arctic environment may be very great, should be presented to the House in such a way that it can be debated. I am in a position to establish this later, but rather than take up the time of the House during the question period I propose to give oral notice now, to be supplemented by written notice later, that a member of this party will give 48 hours notice under the appropriate Standing Order that the report of this committee be debated on a motion that it be concurred in. I would urge that such a motion be presented for discussion during Routine Proceedings.

OIL**UNITED STATES INVESTMENT IN CANADA**

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct this question to the minister who has just come into the chamber, and I make nothing of that fact. It relates to questions posed by the leader of the NDP and members of this party about the situation regarding our petroleum trade and the serious implications in the question by the leader of the NDP. Has there been any suggestion or pressure brought to bear by the Canadian government regarding cutbacks by the United States of investment in Canada in the petroleum industry, with particular reference to developments which would directly or indirectly affect the employment of thousands of men and women in Canada as a result of a decrease in exports of crude petroleum from this country to the United States?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, as I have said before, the Canadian posture during our discussions with the United States in connection with its review of United States oil policy has been that it would be in Canada's interest as well as in the interest of the United States to have an open market for Canadian oil in the United States. If such is achieved as a result of our negotiations it will