

Mr. Allan Lawrence, MP (Northumberland-Durham): Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the Minister would add a few questions to the list he is asking his officials.

Mr. MacEachen: I am asking myself.

Mr. Lawrence: Then I will ask the Minister right now whether the safeguards, for instance, in respect of the original reactor we provided for India are retroactive? Will the safeguards, for instance, cover the new reactors near Madras in which Canada will have very little input? A third question might well be: If, for instance, India exported some of its own technology and material to a country, let us say like Iran, and the deal is being made now, do these safeguards cover the whole nuclear industry in Iran, rather than just the small portion which may come from India? There is one other thing: Would the Minister please remember the old saying, "Once bitten, twice shy"?

I believe these are extremely pertinent questions. The Honourable Member asks whether the original reactor, the research reactor Cirrus, would be subject to safeguards.

Mr. Lawrence: One even before that.

Mr. MacEachen: This is the one from which the plutonium was produced, the RAPP reactor. These are questions we are now examining. I would ask the Honourable Member, if I may, rhetorically, whether he would prefer to have all of them, or would one or two be better than none?