

difficulties of small towns in financing sewage treatment systems, can the minister say if more generous financial assistance, with special consideration for small municipalities, will be offered by the federal government in the agreements to be signed with the provinces this year?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I said some time ago that the sewage program of CMHC which expires in 1975 is under review. I hope to make recommendations to my colleagues within a matter of weeks and I hope to announce that, as I have made clear to the provinces, this fall. Of course, I think that one of the features that must be considered in revising the sewage support program is the position of small towns which have not been able to take full advantage of the program until now.

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ENERGY

OIL—PRICE OF WESTERN CRUDE IN EASTERN CANADA UNDER GOVERNMENT POLICY

Mr. Peter C. Bawden (Calgary South): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources has ducked out of the chamber. In his absence I will direct my question to the Prime Minister, although since it deals with western Canada and oil he may not understand.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member was given the floor as the question period was about to end for the purpose of asking a question. Perhaps he might attempt to do that, after which I will call orders of the day.

Mr. Bawden: Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. In view of the statement made in Calgary by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources that he was pleased this week that the government of Alberta wanted to base the price of western oil on world prices and not United States prices, will the Prime Minister say whether under the government's new oil policy western Canadian crude prices will continue to rise in eastern Canada by the same amount as crude oil imported from the Middle East and Venezuela?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): That will depend on further announcements the minister will be making in the near future on the basis of which oil will be priced in Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the acting government House leader about the order of business for today and the rest of the legislative items which the government seeks to have enacted or completed in the House before it puts the adjournment motion which appears on the order paper.

Parole Act

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, we propose to proceed this afternoon with the amendments to the Parole Act, which is Bill C-191, followed by item No. 40, the amendments to the Co-operative Credit Associations Act, followed by No. 26, the CNR financing bill. The question of proceeding with additional items of business or completing these tomorrow may depend on the view of the House of the motion now appearing on the notice paper in my name. It is our disposition that the House may well now resume the break which was begun in July, and that the very important items which require attention may be more effectively dealt with by members on and after October 15.

Mr. Baldwin: If I may work my way through that answer I assume that tomorrow the minister will be moving the motion for adjournment standing in his name, provided the three items he mentioned are disposed of today.

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, the question of the motion for adjournment is a subject for discussion. I have indicated that it is our inclination to proceed with it, and as these discussions proceed we will determine for certain the course of action with regard to it.

Mr. Trudeau: It depends on you, in other words.

Mr. Howard: Am I correct in assuming that there is no intention on the part of the government at this stage to bring forward the resumed debate on the second report of the Indian Affairs Committee relating to aboriginal rights?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, many hon. members are extremely interested in resuming that debate. I believe the House leader has it very much in mind, and will give consideration to the matter on his return.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

PAROLE ACT

APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL AD HOC MEMBERS TO NATIONAL PAROLE BOARD

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General) moved that Bill C-191, to amend the Parole Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

He said: Mr. Speaker, on June 1 last I announced a series of measures designed to prevent abuses in our inmate release programs, that is to say, the parole and temporary absences programs, to provide for a better investigation of inmate grievances through the appointment of a correctional investigator or ombudsman, and to improve the working conditions and morale of employees working in penitentiaries. These steps were meant to remedy some of the immediate problems in our federal correctional system.