

**Mr. Speaker:** Is this agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

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#### TRADE

##### PROMOTION PROGRAM TO ENLARGE CANADIAN MARKETS IN COUNTRIES OTHER THAN UNITED STATES

**Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Is it the intention of the government in the near future to initiate a massive trade drive in countries other than the United States to make Canadian exports less dependent upon the American market?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** We have been increasing the trade of Canada to other countries. We have not reached 15 per cent as was tried by hon. members on the other side some years ago, but we are trying to sell more to other countries, including the United Kingdom.

**Mr. Hees:** Obviously, nothing is being done.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Hees:** I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister. Has the Prime Minister either telephoned or written President Nixon to express the great concern of this country over the effects that the President's new economic policy will have on our economy, or does the Prime Minister merely intend to confine his protest to whining on the CBC?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway.

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#### POLLUTION

##### ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS OF POSSIBLE OIL SPILLS IN GEORGIA STRAIT—AGREEMENT WITH BRITISH COLUMBIA ON JOINT SURVEY

**Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of the Environment. In light of his recent announcement of the award of a contract to make an assessment of the socio-economic effects of possible Alaska oil spills in Georgia Strait and nearby waters, and in view of the lack of action on the Science Council's recommendation of last fall for a joint study of all uses of the environment in the same area, does the minister's announcement mean that the federal government has failed to reach agreement with British Columbia to make a joint survey?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment):** No, Mr. Speaker.

**Mrs. MacInnis:** Does the announcement mean that the government has decided that the United States will go ahead with the Valdez route for Alaska oil despite Canadian protests?

**Mr. Davis:** The answer in this case is also no.

#### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

[Translation]

#### AGRICULTURE

##### BARLEY—OFFER OF SASKATCHEWAN PREMIER TO SUPPLY QUEBEC

**Mr. Marcel Roy (Laval):** Mr. Speaker, my question is very important. I do not intend to seek adjournment of the House because I am fully aware of our responsibility to govern the country—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member should put his question.

**Mr. Roy (Laval):** Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

My question concerns the economic situation of agriculture and more specifically in the province of Quebec.

In view of the price gap between the Prairie provinces and the eastern provinces for the volume of non-quota grain, would the minister in charge of the Canadian Wheat Board consider the offer of assistance proffered by the premier of Saskatchewan in the form of a deal for 100 million bushels of barley, in order to help Quebec farmers?

[English]

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I have seen the reports regarding the offer of the Premier of Saskatchewan of one million bushels of barley to Quebec. I am sure the Canadian Wheat Board would be delighted to receive his order and fill it.

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#### FORESTRY

##### CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENTS ON SILVICULTURE AND OTHER PROJECTS

**Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of the Environment. Can the minister tell us what the prospects are for co-ordination between the forestry sector of his department and the provincial forestry departments regarding projects such as silviculture?

**Mr. Speaker:** I hope the minister can give a brief reply. I have the impression that this is such a general question it should be answered by way of a statement on motions. However, the minister can reply briefly.

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment):** The prospects are very good indeed.

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#### GRAIN

##### OMISSION OF TEMPORARY WHEAT RESERVES ACT FROM REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA, 1970

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the Minister of Justice in his capacity as the Attorney General of Canada. First of all, I welcome him back from the province of Saskatche-