

ating system is in place and the co-operation and support of provincial and municipal governments, industry and the public is crucial to reaching that goal.

For the past five years, Atomic Energy of Canada Limited has been managing a major research program into the permanent passive disposal of irradiated fuel waste deep in the stable crystalline rock of the Canadian shield. The preliminary research results from this program support the view that nuclear fuel waste can be safely disposed of in this manner. A lot of research has gone into this field. I do not want the impression left that anyone has been dragging his feet on this issue.

This research is a joint program which is being performed under the terms of the Canada/Ontario Agreement of June,

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1978. Under this agreement, Ontario Hydro is responsible for the work required on storage and transportation of irradiated fuel. A further federal-Ontario agreement in August, 1981 defined the evaluation process leading to acceptance of the disposal concept proposed.

In closing, I would just like to say that the Hon. Member mentioned the Liberal Member from the area. I can state that he has been very communicative on matters relating to his constituency.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault):** The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at eleven o'clock in the morning, pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

The House adjourned at 6.28 p.m.

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