

AIR TRANSPORT

REQUEST FOR SAME LOWER FARES FOR VETERANS AS ACCORDED TO STUDENTS

Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton): My question was for the Minister of Veterans Affairs but as he has just left the House I will direct it to the Minister of Transport. Will he try to provide our veterans with the same privilege in regard to overseas fares as has been given to Canadian students?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): The whole question of overseas fares is now being discussed in Montreal, and of course part of the objective is to eliminate in a sense special fare structures and to get the whole fare structure to the point where it will be acceptable to everyone.

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NATURAL RESOURCES

OFFSHORE MINERALS—PROVINCIAL SHARE OF REVENUE—UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT ON METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION BEFORE PAYMENT

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to ask the Acting Prime Minister a question, in the absence of the Prime Minister and the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, relating to the 50 per cent of the revenue from offshore minerals that is to go to the provinces according to the formula announced by the Prime Minister. Does this mean there will be no distribution of the 50 per cent or any money received from offshore minerals among the provinces until there is agreement among all the provinces on how the 50 per cent should be distributed?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): I would like to take notice of that question, Mr. Speaker.

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FINANCE

SUGGESTED AMENDMENT TO BANK ACT

Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

Since the Prices and Incomes Commission has stated that the chartered banks and their shareholders have recorded profits of 12 per cent and the Commission finds that such profits are too high when measured against the cost of living, will the minister make representations to the government advocating amendments to the Bank Act in order to bring it up to date?

[English]

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I can appreciate that the hon. member would not have seen the bill which has just been given first reading, but clause 102 of the new competition bill deals with the very question raised by the hon. member.

Inquiries of the Ministry

NUCLEAR POWER

COBALT-60 CONTAMINATION AT DOUGLAS POINT STATION—EFFECT ON DEVELOPMENT

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In light of the conclusion reached by Atomic Energy of Canada, Limited, that cobalt-60 contamination at the Douglas Point nuclear station is a clear health hazard, is the government taking action, and in the view of the government is this contamination going to stall seriously the present pace of nuclear power development in Canada?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I will have to check with the radiation division of my own department. I am not aware of what conclusions they have come to.

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POST OFFICE

DELAY IN DELIVERY OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROJECT CHEQUE TO HALIFAX

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Postmaster General. It arises out of the fact that an Opportunities for Youth cheque was placed in the mail in Ottawa last Wednesday for delivery in Halifax but had not reached there as of mail delivery this morning. Would he check into this and possibly other incidents of the same nature?

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NATIONAL PARKS

LAKE TIMISKAMING AREA—NEGOTIATIONS WITH PROVINCES RESPECTING DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development if he has anything to report on the meetings that he indicated were taking place some time ago between the province of Ontario, the province of Quebec and his department in relation to the establishment of a national park in the Lake Timiskaming and Lake Kippewa area?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I have nothing to report in this regard. These are current talks between the governments for the creation of national parks in Quebec as well as in Ontario. When we have new developments to report, I will be happy to announce them to the House.