

ENERGY

NATURAL GAS—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON LEVELS
TO BE HELD FOR DOMESTIC USE BEFORE ADDITIONAL
EXPORT PERMITTED

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources arising out of his statement to the Canadian Gas Association annual meeting in which he indicated that Canada hoped soon to be able to prove up additional reserves so as to permit export of more gas to the United States. Would he be prepared to make a statement on motions outlining the government's position with respect to its gas policy and indicating in particular what levels of gas will be held for domestic consumption prior to any additional export of gas being permitted?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, perhaps I might remind the hon. member that under an act of this parliament the responsibility for determining reserves and passing on individual export permits has been given to the National Energy Board. Therefore it would not be appropriate for the minister to say at what particular levels an export permit would or would not be granted.

Mr. Douglas: Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that gas sales in Canada have gone up only 10 per cent in the first quarter of this year and gas exports to the United States under existing contracts rose by 16 per cent, may I ask will the minister explain to the House why he rather than the National Energy Board was indicating to the gas association—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That question is not in order.

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FINANCE

INQUIRY AS TO REFERENCE OF ANTI-DUMPING
TRIBUNAL DECISIONS TO FEDERAL COURT IN ADDITION
TO CANADIAN PITTSBURGH GLASS CASE

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Justice. The other day I asked him a question concerning the reference to the Federal Court of the Canadian Pittsburgh Glass anti-dumping decision. Would he now advise the House whether his department or the government has decided to refer any of the other 20 or so decisions of the anti-dumping tribunal for review by Federal Court authorities?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, the specific grounds for taking action in the Pittsburgh case are apparent in the material which is filed. It is the only one on which action has been taken, and I will certainly not speculate on what action might be taken in all sorts of different hypothetical situations.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): It is not a question of hypothetical cases but a matter of policy to have other decisions reviewed in light of what has been disclosed in the Canadian Pittsburgh case.

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Lang: As I made it clear to the House before, it is not appropriate to speculate about what action might be taken. If action is taken, it will be known.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

CLOSING OF CIP PLANT AT TEMISCAMING—DISCUSSION
WITH QUEBEC AUTHORITIES TO REMEDY SITUATION

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

Since the International Paper Company of Canada is closing its plant at Temiscaming today, did the minister get in touch with the provincial authorities last week or in the last ten days in order to find a solution to this problem or to find ways of helping the people who are being laid off today at Temiscaming?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, as I already stated in this House, we are trying to find out what activity could replace the CIP plant. Now, neither the company nor the people from Kipawa got in touch with my department.

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NATIONAL PARKS

PROPOSED NATIONAL PARK IN TÉMISCAMINGUE AREA—
STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH PROVINCIAL
AUTHORITIES

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary for the hon. Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development in charge of national parks because it is directly related to the Témiscamingue area.

Have there been any further developments in negotiations between Quebec and Ottawa concerning the national park at Témiscamingue proper, and has an agreement been arrived at?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, no agreement has yet been arrived at but I can tell the hon. member that I discussed the matter last Thursday with Premier Bourassa while I was in Quebec City.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

REPLY OF PROVINCES TO REQUEST FAMILY
ALLOWANCES NOT BE CHARGED AGAINST SOCIAL
ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Can the minister advise the House