accurate news, The Renfrew Mercury, reported that the MP said it would take—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Chair has considerable concern about the nature of this question within the rules. The Hon. Member for Portage-Marquette.

CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

OUOTA SETTING POLICIES

Mr. Charles Mayer (Portage-Marquette): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. When the Minister checks into the conditions that were referred to by my colleagues from Assiniboia and Wetaskiwin he will find out there is a serious problem. When he is checking into it, I would ask him to see what he could do to rectify the situation so that it does not happen again. Producers are being hurt. We should not have to raise these kinds of issues in the House of Commons. They should be looked after before getting to that state of affairs.

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One of the suggestions I would make to the Minister, if he is looking for remedies so the situation does not happen again, is that the Canadian Wheat Board be more open in its policies of setting quotas so that producers know when a quota is going to come and, if the quota is not coming, the reasons for it not coming.

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I never thought there was anything particularly wrong about the Chamber of the House of Commons being used to raise a variety of concerns and issues of constituents. That is what the forum is for. However, as I say, we will be taking a look at that aspect. The Canadian Wheat Board is one that has commissioners on it who are chosen and who do reflect a pretty broad base of interests. We will be reviewing that situation as it now exists to determine to what extent the problem exists, and how we might solve it.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

IMPACT OF RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. When the Resource Development Impacts Funding Program for Indian people expired last March, the Minister said that other funds would be found. However, this has not happened. What help would the Minister give to people like the Carrier-Sekani Tribal Council which faces massive impact from such projects as the Northeast Coal and the Kemano II project? Does the Minister have any help for them, apart from writing nice letters to Gulf Canada and

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other corporations asking them to be considerate? What real help is there to aid these people face these impacts?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I would tell the Hon. Member that we do have moneys, not nearly as many as last fiscal year—the Hon. Member is quite right—to fund Indian people for social impact studies. If the group of Indians in British Columbia, for whom the Hon. Member is speaking, are short of money, I hope to be able to address that this year. I am taking matters up now—I have not got a decision—but I am taking matters up now with the purpose of getting additional moneys for that very objective. I hope to have a decision very shortly.

POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION OF YUKON INDIANS IN KING POINT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, I have a short supplementary for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Is the Minister or his Government considering a proposal by the Council of Yukon Indians for the advance of a repayable loan of \$80 million, or of any sum, to enable the CYI to participate in the King Point development with the proponent of that development? If so, is that proposal being considered favourably with a view to the Minister reconsidering his freezing of the project, to the lasting benefit of the economy and the unemployed in the Yukon?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, knowing the Hon. Member for Yukon to be such an authority on House rules, I view his question with some humour as to how he could piggy-back that on as a supplementary to a question about impact funds for Indians adversely affected by development.

An Hon. Member: Answer the question.

Mr. Munro (Hamilton East): Nevertheless, let me say this. Yes, I think that proposal, prior to my rejection of the application of Keiwit, was under consideration by my colleague, the Minister responsible for industry. I would suggest that when the Minister is back in the House the Hon. Member for Yukon address the question to him.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Presenting reports from special and standing committees.

Mr. Nielsen: I have a short supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I have gone beyond the normal hour for Question Period and I did extend a supplementary to some one else's question to the Hon. Member for Yukon, a courtesy not always extended. I will allow a short supplementary, but could it be short?

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!