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### ENERGY

#### PUBLICATION OF STUDY ON LIQUID FUEL EXTRACTED FROM RENEWABLE RESOURCES IN QUEBEC

**Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, since my question concerns several government departments, I shall put it to the right hon. Prime Minister.

A feasibility study has been conducted recently on liquid fuel extracted from renewable resources. Considering that some regions of our country are faced with a shortage of gas and oil resources and that this report seems to indicate that alternative supplies could be secured through processing certain materials into petroliferous fuel, would the Prime Minister tell the House if his government has been requested to take a closer look at this report and if it intends to implement the necessary policy to carry out the conclusions of that study which might yield an interesting solution to the problems that Canada is likely to face in a few years?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for Abitibi for directing the attention of the House to that report. The Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources has already referred to it but I can assure the hon. member that the report is under consideration and that the government, which has already announced several measures in the field of renewable resources, is as much interested as the hon. member in pursuing that line of thought.

#### POSSIBILITY OF PROCESSING CERTAIN ENERGY PRODUCTS IN EASTERN CANADA

**Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, as this report was prepared by a Winnipeg firm and seems to have dealt almost exclusively with such possibilities in western Canada, would the right hon. Prime Minister be willing to suggest to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources that a similar study be made on the possibilities in eastern Canada for converting various matters into sources of energy?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, it has already been done. The minister did it on a far broader scale. For instance, with regard to the region the hon. member represents, we have encouraged research in the use of forest by-products as a possible source of renewable energy.

#### OPERATION OF OIL WELLS IN QUEBEC

**Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary is also directed to the right hon. Prime Minister in the absence of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. In view of the fact that, in the province of Quebec, and more specifically in the Lotbinière riding, an oil company did some exploration the results of which are very positive—oil has been proven to exist there—and the fact that the Quebec govern-

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ment seems to think that the construction of a pipeline from St. Flavien, in the Lotbinière riding, to Quebec City would be too costly compared with possible supplies outside the province, would the Prime Minister be willing to recommend to his minister that a special study be made on the cost of tapping those oil wells in the province of Quebec as compared with the cost of obtaining supplies from other parts of Canada or foreign countries?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I would be glad to draw the attention of the minister to the matter and I am convinced he will take up the matter at least to the extent of giving the hon. member a reply.

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### TOURISM

#### STEPS TO COUNTERACT ADVERSE PUBLICITY IN U.S. RESPECTING SPORT FISHING IN CANADA

**Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce whose department is responsible for the promotion of tourism in this country. As the minister is well aware, tourist operators and the tourist industry as a whole are very worried about the fish war which is still in progress. We are all aware that the Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Minister of Fisheries and the Environment have categorically stated that sport fishermen are welcome in Canada.

I am wondering if the minister, through his departmental officials, is getting that message across to our neighbours in the south, telling them that they are welcome here, because I have had information to the effect that United States Customs and Immigration officials have been spreading rumours that boats will be confiscated if they come across the border. I would appreciate the minister's comments on this matter.

**Hon. Jack H. Horner (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, we, too, have heard those rumours and we are attempting to track them down. We are also notifying our agents in the United States that we do not intend to take action against American sport fishermen in Canada. They are welcome to bring their boats, fishing reels and rods. We wish them all the luck in the world and hope all their catches will be big.

**Mr. Darling:** Mr. Speaker, I appreciate what the minister has stated, that he is passing on this information. But my point is that I think we should be spending some money to get that message across in the media—in the newspapers, on radio and television. If money is spent in that way, it will certainly come back tenfold. Will the minister tell me what they intend to do on that basis?