Oral Questions

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

PROVISION OF MAPS SHOWING PROPER BOUNDARY BETWEEN QUEBEC AND LABRADOR

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In view of the fact that two months ago the committee on DREE unanimously recommended that RDIA maps be replaced with maps showing an undisputed boundary between Quebec and Labrador, can the minister indicate what steps he has taken to have the improper maps replaced?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for calling this to my attention. The fact is, of course, that the line that is drawn does not indicate or is not meant to suggest that it is a disputed boundary. It is simply an unsurveyed boundary. However, I have had some exhaustive discussions with my colleague, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, and it is our intention in future to make it abundantly clear just where the ownership of Labrador lies.

[Later:]

Mr. Lundrigan: In view of the fact the maps the minister's department has put out as late as today still show that the only boundary in Canada which is unsurveyed or disputed, whatever the appropriate term may be, is that between Quebec and Labrador, can the minister assure the House that this map will not be sent out to applicants in future and that proper maps will be designed immediately?

Mr. Jamieson: Mr. Speaker, I think it would be quite improper or unfair to people who are looking for maps when we have a large number on hand. What we will do, if it is necessary before new maps are printed, is to put a qualifying note along with the maps to indicate what the position is.

[Translation]

PORTS

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF SUPERTANKER PORT ON ST. LAWRENCE—CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC FACTORS OVER POLLUTION

Mr. Albert Béchard (Bonaventure-Îles de la Madeleine): Mr. Speaker, I want to ask a question of the right hon. Prime Minister.

Concerning the decision that the government will have to take concerning the establishment of a super harbour at Gros-Cacouna, will priority be given to the economic welfare of the population of that area rather than to the effects of pollution?

[English]

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, we will give proper weight to that particular consideration, but I am quite sure no one in this House would feel that the environmental factor should not be taken into account.

[Mr. Sharp.]

[Translation]

MANPOWER

LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—EXTENSION OF CERTAIN PROJECTS ON NORTH SHORE OF ST. LAWRENCE

Mr. Gilles Caouette (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

With reference to the answer he gave me yesterday that his officials would review the possibility of extending local initiatives projects in hard-up regions, can the minister assure the House that the North Shore projects in the field of recreational activities will be duly re-assessed and approved, as requested by his own officials in this region?

[English]

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I will look into that particular application but, as a general rule, I think I have to repeat that not all projects, not even those projects which are considered eligible for extension, will in fact be extended. There will be, unfortunately, a selection process applied, even in areas where unemployment exceeds the national average.

Mr. Paproski: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker-

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker: Order. I apologize to the hon. member for Charlevoix—
[English]

The hon. member for Edmonton Centre rises on a point of order, after which I will return to the hon. member for Charlevoix.

Mr. Paproski: Mr. Speaker, I regret rising on a point of order. One week ago last Friday I asked a question of the Prime Minister because the Secretary of State for External Affairs was out of the House. It reads, as reported on page 4346 or *Hansard*:

In view of the fact that the Minister of Finance for Tunisia has been in Canada to negotiate a loan, would the Prime Minister advise the House whether the loan to Tunisia has been completed and, if so, in what amount?

There was a little discrepancy in what the Prime Minister said, as recorded on the same page:

I am not sure that the hon. member is talking about the right country. There is a matter of a loan being discussed—but Algeria, Tunisia; who cares.

We do care and I should like to know, and I ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs if he can please explain whether the—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This is debate on a question asked. The hon. member rose on a point of order, and I cannot see that there is a point of order. I regret that there are only 40 minutes in the question period. The hon. member for Charlevoix, although he was recognized for a supplementary, did not have the opportunity to ask his question. Perhaps this matter might be noted by the Secretary of State for External Affairs and answered on another occasion. The Chair will recognize again the hon.