

that he was reviewing the \$40,000 grant under the LIP program to the Scene After Scene Free Theatre in Dundas. Has this review been completed and, if so, what decision has been reached?

**Hon. Martin P. O'Connell (Acting Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. A review of the Scene After Scene project has been made. It has been found to be proceeding within the criteria of the program guidelines, but it will be maintained under review as it goes along. This is a project which employs 17 persons and is producing two full-length plays by Brecht and Aeschylus, plays which are presented at universities and other institutions in Canada.

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**Mr. Lundrigan:** May I ask the Acting Minister of Manpower and Immigration whether any other specific reviews have been directed to be made and, more specifically, whether any projects have been denied their final payments or had their original contract payment reduced? If so, is the minister prepared to table that information?

**Mr. O'Connell:** Mr. Speaker, in reply to the first question, a regular monitoring service is going on, so that there is a continuing review of all projects. With respect to whether any have had reductions made, there is also a continuous adjustment of projects. Some are reduced, some are expanded, but we will do our best for the unemployed by making sure these projects remain feasible. I do not know that it would be of any advantage to table—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. It seems to me we are running short of time so perhaps we might move on to the next questioner.

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#### INFORMATION

##### PROVISION OF POLICY ON RIGHT OF PUBLIC TO KNOW

**Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Labour who I understand reports for Information Canada. As the need for a policy on the right of the public to know is again underlined in the annual report of Information Canada, what attention is being given to overcoming this serious policy gap?

**Hon. Martin P. O'Connell (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, we are giving considerable attention to that question. There are statutes in various countries known as "right to know statutes". They work less than perfectly. We are looking at all the options in this regard.

#### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

##### OIL

##### POSSIBLE MACKENZIE VALLEY PIPELINE—LEVEL AND NATURE OF DISCUSSIONS WITH UNITED STATES—DATE OF REPORT ON FEASIBILITY

**Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs or his parliamentary secretary. In view of the possibility of an oil pipeline through Canada for Alaskan oil and the recent statement by Mr. Ruckelshaw of the United States environmental protection agency that the United States Secretary of the Interior has consulted with officials in Canada about the matter, I would ask the parliamentary secretary at what level of government did these discussions take place, and who were involved in them?

**Mr. Paul St. Pierre (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the statement recently made by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources has been drawn to the attention of the United States government by our representatives.

**Mr. Harding:** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. Would the parliamentary secretary indicate the date of these discussions and what aspects of the potential pipeline were discussed, as well as the date that has been set for a report on the feasibility of such a pipeline?

**Mr. St. Pierre:** Mr. Speaker, as indicated by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, it is expected that the studies will be complete this fall. As to the other sections of the hon. member's question concerning the date of these conferences, I would have to take it as notice and check further.

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#### AGRICULTURE

##### RESPONSE TO REPRESENTATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE IN FOWL BUYING PROGRAM

**Mr. R. E. McKinley (Huron):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture. I should have liked to ask the Minister of Agriculture this question, but I understand he has been absent all week on doctor's order and will be present next week. I am sure we all wish him a speedy recovery and return to the House. Has the government received a submission from the Federation of Agriculture on behalf of egg producers in relation to assistance in a fowl buying program and, if so, what does the government plan to do about it?

**Mr. Marcel Lessard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, the government has received those submissions. They have been discussed and considered and I suspect that the minister will be in a position to make a statement on his return.