

*Oral Questions*

**Mr. Orlikow:** In view of the fact that changing the benefit requirements would have a catastrophic effect and increase substantially Canada's unemployment problem, and bearing in mind the statement of the former minister of manpower, Mr. Mackasey, that the proposed change "removes the whole spirit of human dignity—a man's right to be protected by the government when he wants to work but cannot", will the hon. gentleman consider amending the proposed requirement to which I have referred?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member surely realizes he is raising a matter of debate on an item which is before the House, anyway.

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**BILINGUALISM****STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM—REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION BY ALL PROVINCES**

**Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State. The federal government has announced a bilingual program for student exchanges under which some 8,000 or 9,000 students from Ontario and Quebec will be exchanged. As there are eight other provinces and two territories whose young people would like to enjoy the benefits of such a bilingual exchange program, what are the eligibility proposals for young people from provinces other than the special status provinces of Ontario and Quebec who want to enjoy this program?

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**Hon. John Roberts (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, I shall be making a detailed statement on this area of activity to the House within a few days' time.

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**TRANSPORT****COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO PROBLEMS IN NEWFOUNDLAND—TERMS OF REFERENCE AND DATE OF COMMENCEMENT**

**Mr. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. The minister announced last December that the government was going to appoint a royal commission to examine all modes of transportation in Newfoundland and to report thereon, as had been suggested by the president of the CNR, before the end of 1977. Have the terms of reference now been put in final form; have they been agreed to by the government in Newfoundland; is it a three-man commission chaired by Dr. Arthur Sullivan, or by whom; and when will this announcement be made and the commission start to function?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, we have been discussing these questions with the government of Newfoundland and others. We are now nearly at the stage

[Mr. Cullen.]

of having the matter in final form and I would expect an announcement within perhaps one week.

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**ATOMIC ENERGY OF CANADA LIMITED****SALE OF SECOND CANDU REACTOR TO ARGENTINA—INQUIRY AS TO USE OF AGENT**

**Mr. Allan Lawrence (Northumberland-Durham):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. In view of press reports this morning that Argentina is seeking a new construction partner, as is AECL, in regard to Argentina's desire to obtain a second CANDU reactor, I would ask the minister whether there is any agent—promotional agent, commercial agent, or any agent—involved in any way in the second CANDU reactor sale anticipated by Argentina?

**Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** No, Mr. Speaker, because at the present time there is no negotiation for a second reactor sale. The hon. member is correct when he says that the Argentinian agency has expressed an interest in having a German firm join with AECL in providing a CANDU reactor. It is also true that the German firm has shown interest in such an arrangement, which is yet further testimony to the international reputation of the CANDU reactor.

**Mr. Lawrence:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is the German firm to which the minister refers Kraftwerk Union A.G. of West Germany, and is any agent involved in any way in any past, present or future association between that firm and AECL?

**Mr. Gillespie:** Mr. Speaker, I know of no past, present or future association between AECL and that corporation. I do know that that is one corporation that has been mentioned as a possible partner with AECL in providing a second reactor to Argentina, but I would emphasize that we have not offered to sell a second reactor to the Argentine.

**Mr. Lawrence:** A final supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister inform the House whether any agent is involved in any way in any future dealings with Italimpianti, whether in Argentina or anywhere else in the world?

**Mr. Gillespie:** I know of no ongoing relationship with Italimpianti anywhere else in the world.

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**HEALTH****BAN ON USE OF SACCHARIN BECAUSE OF LINK TO CANCER—REASON FOR FAILURE TO BAN USE OF TOBACCO**

**Hon. Herb. Gray (Windsor West):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Recently the government announced that it is proceeding to