

WATER RESOURCES

STEPS TO PREVENT POLLUTION OF BOW RIVER

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): My question is directed to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. This question is in reference to the national problem of pollution and the report from the provincial government that the Bow River and other rivers in western Canada have reached a serious state. Is it the intention of the department to remedy the situation with regard to pollution under federal jurisdiction?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I already answered that question a few days ago. I am studying the problem now. I have received representations from the hon. member for Calgary South and I hope to make a report in this respect in the near future.

[English]

Mr. Woolliams: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the hon. member for Calgary South is also digging the minister. Is this included in the estimates of this year? Surely the minister can tell us that.

CANADA WATER CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE ACT

INQUIRY AS TO HOUSE REVIEW

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, to the Acting Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Can the minister inform the house when we can expect the Canada Water Conservation Assistance Act to come before this house?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Acting Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): When the house leader announced the order of business for the balance of the session, he stated this measure would receive first reading during this session.

[Translation]

EXHIBITIONS

MAN AND HIS WORLD—REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON AGREEMENT

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

Can the minister tell us whether he has any supplementary explanations or information concerning the statement made to the house yesterday by the Prime Minister as to the proposals the minister has made to the province of Quebec about "Man and his World"?

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Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, this subject will be submitted to the municipal council by the executive committee of the city of Montreal, on Friday. It will then be decided whether or not the city of Montreal agrees to our proposals. In so far as the province of Quebec is concerned, I was in touch, a few minutes ago, with Mr. Beaudry who is the Minister of Industry and Commerce for the province of Quebec. He informed me that his government is still considering the proposals I made Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning.

Hon. Martial Asselin (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question.

In connection with the proposals made to the Quebec government, is that government not bound to guarantee the deficit of Expo, for 1969, before it is in a position to operate Man and his World?

Mr. Pepin: Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister has indicated clearly yesterday that our proposals covered two points. First, there is the Dozois proposal which is well known. Secondly, there is the matter of an agreement by the city of Montreal to settle its share of the Expo deficit. All these points must be agreed to by the three governments concerned.

Mr. Bernard Dumont (Frontenac): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question.

Has the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce considered granting an interest free loan in order to guarantee to the province the financing of Man and his World?

Mr. Pepin: No, far from it, Mr. Speaker. The federal government will in fact pay the interest.

[English]

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

INCREASE IN WOOD PRODUCTS PRICES

Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton): My question is directed to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In view of the fact that within the last two months there have been price increases ranging from 25 per cent to 40 per cent on wood products related to the building industry, raising the cost of new homes anywhere from \$1,000 to \$2,000—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member cannot preface his question this way. He should ask the question directly.