

[English]

POSSIBLE MACKENZIE VALLEY PIPELINE—DEPARTMENTAL STUDIES

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): I should like to ask a supplementary question. The minister suggests that various departments are studying this matter. Will he at this time, or perhaps later on motions, make a statement indicating the evidence on which he bases his recommendations or his opinion of that evidence? Would he give us some indication of the type of personnel who provided the evidence on which he bases his opinion?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, we have been considering this problem for some time and, last August, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and I set up the first category of restrictions on construction and we said repeatedly that final instructions would be issued, we hoped, in the course of the coming months.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I will recognize the hon. member for Yukon in just a moment. There are four or five members who are seeking the floor to ask supplementary questions on this matter. I suggest to hon. members there will have to be a limit to supplementary questions if we want to get on to another subject. Hon. members representing the group to my extreme left in the House have not had a chance to ask a question. We should move on to another subject as soon as possible. There are other members who I am informed have questions to ask during the question period.

USE OF FOREIGN CAPITAL TO DEVELOP NORTHERN RESOURCES—CLAUSE IN BILL C-187

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, the minister must have misunderstood my previous question; it had no reference to his political alignment. My question was in relation to his remarks in Dallas inviting foreign investment capital to participate in the development of our northern resources. Is it now the intention of the government to withdraw the foreign ownership clause from Bill C-187?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, in my speech I said we were looking forward to foreign investment in Canada, but in compliance with regulations enacted here.

The bill referred to by my hon. friend contains the same restrictions as in the case of investment in the Northwest Territories and I cannot figure out why they would not apply to the Yukon to the same extent as they do to any other area in the Territories.

[English]

POSSIBLE MACKENZIE VALLEY PIPELINE—STUDY OF ECOLOGICAL EFFECTS

Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question I should like to

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direct to the Prime Minister as it involves many departments. I refer to what the Acting Prime Minister said two days ago, and I quote from page 4040 of *Hansard* for March 8:

At present, departments are studying very thoroughly the ecological threat that might occur as a consequence of pipelines running through Canada.

Would the government therefore state its position on the ecological aspect of this whole question?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the position is that these aspects are being considered and studied very thoroughly by two, and perhaps three, departments. We cannot give the results until they are known. In addition to the two previously mentioned departments, the future department of the environment will be concerned in this matter and is already involved through the Department of Fisheries and Forestry. This is the government's position. It is very straightforward.

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[Translation]

HEALTH

ALLEGED RECRUITING OF MEDICAL DOCTORS OUTSIDE CANADA

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

Can he tell us whether the government intends to recruit doctors outside Canada? If so, is this attributable to a shortage of professors or to the small number of medical students?

[English]

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): It would not be accurate to say that the department has a program of bringing doctors, or any particular class of people, to Canada. Of course, doctors are among those who seek admission to Canada and who are admitted in significant numbers over a period of years. This has been welcomed by many people, including the medical profession in this country, and one presumes that this kind of inflow will continue.

[Translation]

Mr. Laprise: Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a supplementary question.

Would the minister say if there have been pressures by officials of the Department of Immigration in foreign countries to get doctors to come and settle in Canada?

[English]

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I know of no pressures whatever on us in this regard. It is a matter of our immigration policy. Doctors, because of the nature of their training and educational qualifications, do obtain points in our system under the regulations and, accordingly, if they are eligible to practice in this country are certainly apt to be admitted fairly readily. But I know of no other features in this situation.