

inquiries, but it may be that this case was an exception. I will meet my hon. friend later and we will discuss it further.

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NUCLEAR POWER

MORATORIUM ON CONSTRUCTION OF GENERATION PLANTS ON VANCOUVER ISLAND—REPRESENTATIONS TO GOVERNMENT

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Madam Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. As the minister no doubt knows, the government of British Columbia announced a moratorium on the construction of nuclear power generation plants on Vancouver Island.

Can the minister tell us whether, prior to making that announcement, the provincial government in British Columbia made representations to the central government complaining about the failure of the central government to provide Candu safety measures or to assure that the safety measures were satisfactory?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Madam Speaker, I know of no representation from the government of British Columbia to the national government in this respect.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Has the minister made any inquiries? Has he been able to determine whether it is the nuclear waste disposal problem which is causing the provincial government to hesitate in this area?

Mr. Lalonde: Madam Speaker, I regret to inform the hon. member that I have no particular information as to the reasons that motivated the British Columbia government in its decision. I expect to meet with my provincial colleague in a very short while, and I will take that opportunity to raise with him the point raised by my hon. friend.

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CANADIAN CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL ON MULTICULTURALISM

MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL—APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT—ADVERTISING IN ETHNIC PRESS

Hon. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton North): Madam Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of State (Multiculturalism). Would the minister advise the House whether he has filled the position of president of CCCM, the Canadian Consultative Council on Multiculturalism, and if he intends to keep the membership in the CCCM at 100?

Hon. Jim Fleming (Minister of State, Multiculturalism): Madam Speaker, I am delighted to see my good friend back

after a long illness; and after 12 weeks I am glad to get a question on multiculturalism.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Fleming: I was very sad that the former chairman of the CCCM, a distinguished Canadian appointed by my predecessor, the hon. member who posed the question, Mr. Norm Kwong, was unable to continue in that post for business reasons. But I have pleasure in telling my friend that I have appointed Mr. Lawrence Decore of Edmonton, of Ukrainian heritage and a former chairman of the Alberta Heritage Council, as the new chairman of the CCCM.

On the issue of membership, previous CCCMs have recommended a reduction in the size of the council to make it more effective. I am giving that matter serious consideration.

Mr. Clark: Another Grit at the trough.

Mr. Paproski: Madam Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the minister. In view of the fact that his colleague, the Solicitor General, the hon. member for York Centre, was a consistent complainer when the ethnic press was not receiving advertising moneys, what is the minister planning to do with regard to this particular problem with the ethnic press? How much money has the minister spent on ethnic advertising since February 18?

Mr. Fleming: Madam Speaker, I think the hon. member leaves himself open a little because, of course, the previous government put a freeze on ethnic advertising. That freeze has been removed, and ads will be run.

Mr. Epp: There is no ethnic advertising.

Mr. Fleming: I have a concern that that budget should not simply be for the ethnic press, but that in fact my multiculturalism budget should be directed toward the English and French language general press so that there is a better understanding of multiculturalism in Canada. In turn, because in another capacity I have responsibility generally for Government of Canada advertising, I hope to be able to set a more professional criteria for the ethnic press and at that point assure them that they will get their fair share of advertising.

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ENERGY

PROCESSING OF RESOURCES NEAR SOURCE—POSSIBLE RELOCATION OF SARNIA COMPLEX

Mr. Blaine A. Thacker (Lethbridge-Foothills): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. On Friday last the minister reaffirmed government policy whereby public funds would be used to transfer industrial plant so that resources can be processed near their source. When will the government be announcing the movement of the entire Sarnia complex to Alberta so that these millions of barrels of oil can be processed near their source?