

*Inquiries of the Ministry***QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN****COST OF GOVERNMENT PROMOTIONAL PROGRAMS****Question No. 202—Mr. Gleave:**

1. (a) What was the total cost of the advertising promotional program concerning "Assumed Mail" (b) in how many publications was the advertisement inserted?

2. (a) To date, what was the cost of the advertising program for the current issue of Canada Savings Bonds (b) how long will the advertising campaign continue and what will be the final cost?

3. (a) What was the cost of the advertising program in regard to the "New Design of Canada Cheques" (b) in how many publications was the advertisement inserted (c) what was the cost in each publication?

Return tabled.

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I ask that notices of motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Shall all notices of motions stand?

An hon. Member: No.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD**FAMILY INCOME SECURITY****DATE OF PROCEEDING WITH BILL—STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH QUEBEC**

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. When is it intended that the House will proceed with the family income security legislation, Bill C-170, and does the government consider this bill to be urgent legislation?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, the government considers this to be very important legislation. It will be up to the government to decide when the bill will be proceeded with after discussion by the House leader with other members of the government and spokesmen for the other parties concerning when there will be available House time.

Mr. Fairweather: Mr. Speaker, what is the status of the negotiations with the provinces, particularly the province of Quebec, on the latest proposals relative to the government's plans to proceed with this legislation?

Mr. Munro: The suggested formula set out in the Prime Minister's letter to Premier Bourassa received a favourable reaction from the Quebec government, and I would

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expect that the negotiations that follow will come to a successful conclusion.

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ENERGY**REASON FOR TEMPORARY EMBARGO ON ISSUANCE OF OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION PERMITS**

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources arising out of his announcement in Calgary that he is placing a temporary embargo on the issue of oil and gas exploration permits in the Yukon and the Northwest Territories. I wish to ask the minister whether the purpose of this temporary embargo is to apply pressure on oil and gas companies to make a decision with respect to the construction of oil and gas pipelines down the Mackenzie valley, or is there some other purpose which the minister has in mind for this temporary embargo?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I should supplement the hon. member's question by indicating that it will also apply to the east and west offshore areas, including Hudson Bay. For some time my department and Indian Affairs and Northern Development have had under way discussions with representatives of the oil industry on the amendment to the oil and gas regulations under which oil and gas permits and leases are held. The consultations have now been completed and I am putting a recommendation forward to cabinet in order to amend the regulations. Since we have arrived at a conclusion of this matter it seems sensible not to issue any more permits under the old regulations but rather to put on a moratorium until the new regulations are in effect, which we anticipate will be some time this summer. It is not related in any way to the Mackenzie valley pipeline.

PROPOSED MACKENZIE VALLEY PIPELINES—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON CONDITIONS FOR GRANTING PERMISSION

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): In view of the fact several ministers of the government have indicated support for granting a right of way for the construction of both oil and gas pipelines down the Mackenzie valley, may I ask the minister whether he would undertake to make a statement at an early date regarding the conditions which would apply for the granting of such permission, particularly with reference to whether or not these pipelines would be under foreign ownership and control, whether they would be common carriers, who would set the rates for the transport of oil and gas, and other particulars which hon. members ought to have before any commitments are made?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): I would remind the hon. member that over a year ago guidelines for the construction of a northern pipeline were set out by my colleague, the Minister of