

Energy Supplies Emergency Act

● (1750)

There has been some discussion concerning the technical advisory committee. I believe it is important that we inquire as to who sits on that committee, what meetings have been held, whether minutes have been kept and in what way they made representations and recommendations to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources before he made some of his statements. Let me give an example.

It is suggested there may be a 200,000 barrels per day shortfall in oil imports to Canada. When we asked the minister who so advised him, he stated that the first time he saw that figure was in a draft of a statement he gave to this House on November 26 and from which I have already quoted. We asked him whether that meant the day he gave the statement was the first time he had been made aware of the possible 200,000 barrels per day shortfall. His answer was no, it had been in earlier drafts. When asked when this was, he could not remember. When we asked who gave the information upon which the 200,000 barrel estimate was based, he replied it was the technical advisory committee. I think it was just yesterday he was asked if he could name the individuals who sit on the committee. He said he could not remember.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

THE ROYAL ASSENT

[*English*]

A message was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable the Deputy Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable house in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House went up to the Senate chamber.

● (1800)

and being returned:

Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Deputy Governor General had been pleased to give, in her Majesty's name, the royal assent to the following bills:

Bill C-183, an act to amend the Cooperative Credit Associations Act—chapter 37.

Bill C-2, an act to amend the Criminal Code—chapter 38.

Bill C-189, an act to amend the Customs Act—chapter 39.

Bill C-222, an act respecting the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act—chapter 40.

At 6.06 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.