

PROPOSED ENRICHED URANIUM PLANT AT JAMES BAY—
INQUIRY AS TO RECEIPT OF SPECIFIC PROPOSAL FROM
FRANCE

Miss Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, first of all, I wonder if the minister would be prepared to answer my question as to whether he will table the feasibility study which has been prepared. Quite apart from the feasibility study which was prepared in Canada, did the minister receive or, to his knowledge, did any member of the government receive a specific proposal from the French officials for the establishment of an enriched uranium plant in the James Bay area, as was requested by the Prime Minister during his visit to France last autumn?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, on the last point, I would have to confirm it with the Prime Minister. Certainly, I have not received a specific proposal. As has been said many times in the House, this study has been carried out by Canadian Pacific, Séru, and the James Bay Corporation. It is not a French government study and it is not the property of the Canadian government to table. I would be prepared to inquire from the three parties whose property it is as to whether they are prepared to have it tabled, and if we have their consent I would be quite happy to do so.

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OLYMPIC GAMES

REQUEST THAT SOCCER GAMES BE PLAYED IN TORONTO

Hon. Stanley Haidasz (Parkdale): Mr. Speaker, may I preface my question this morning by drawing to the attention of the House the presence in the visitors' gallery of a Polish delegation led by the Hon. Boleslaw Kapitan, the minister of sport and tourism and president of the Polish national Olympic committee.

I would like to ask the President of the Treasury Board whether he would increase the opportunity of attendance at the Olympics by ensuring that the soccer games be played in that fantastic place, the great city of Toronto?

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Hon. Jean Chrétien (President of the Treasury Board): I would be glad to do so, Mr. Speaker.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

METHOD OF INFORMING ELIGIBLE SPOUSES OF NEW OLD AGE
PENSION REGULATIONS

Mr. C.-A. Gauthier (Roberval): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare.

In view of the great many requests I have received, could the minister advise what steps he will take to inform the eligible spouses of pensioners of their pension entitlement, and when these eligible spouses should submit their applications?

Oral Questions

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, a special leaflet is to be sent to each and every old age pension recipient together with their pension cheque for September, I think. Application forms will accompany these cheques, so that all guaranteed income supplement recipients who are eligible under the act may apply. Furthermore, all others who may feel they are otherwise eligible for this service should apply through their local old age security pension office. However, all pensioners will receive the necessary information during September, so that they can submit an immediate application which will permit us to send these cheques as planned, for October, when this new program comes into force.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

SUGGESTED REVIEW OF PAROLE REGULATIONS—
GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Justice a question on a matter over which he has joint jurisdiction with the Solicitor General. We now have the evidence of the Jefferoey case, the escapee who went to Spain on his honeymoon, as members will recall, the Head case and now the Wayne case in Vancouver. Will the minister immediately review the parole regulations, and change them if necessary, and indeed the day pass regulations so that society will be protected which, I believe, has a higher priority and is more important than all this tenderness toward the violent offender?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, the government is indeed concerned about this area of the law and is reviewing it carefully. It is, of course, somewhat unfair to ignore the fact that the ordinary techniques of rehabilitation, including parole, are designed in fact to protect society by giving us a better chance of having people who return to society rehabilitated to be better members of it. That has to be balanced and should not be forgotten by highlighting particular incidents in one or two situations where failure has occurred. I say that, however, without withdrawing from my opening statement that obviously this very important area of the law is under review now.

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CRIMINAL CODE

REQUEST THAT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT NOT BE INCLUDED IN
OMNIBUS BILL OF AMENDMENTS

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Because members of this House on the government side as well as on our side are concerned about this matter, will the Minister of Justice assure the House, and indeed the public, that when he brings in amendments to the Criminal Code which will prevent an appeal court from reversing a verdict of acquittal on a charge under the Criminal Code by a jury, he will not bring in changes in the