

need for feed in Quebec will be met and at the same price. I am very optimistic that all the feed needed in eastern Ontario will be taken care of before the shipping season closes. If not, arrangements are being made to transport it by rail.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

ALLEGED FAILURE TO GIVE MARITIME PROVINCES WARNING OF STORM—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of the Environment. In light of the recent storm which struck the Maritimes on October 20 resulting in loss of lives and damage estimated in the millions of dollars in Cape Breton Island alone, and in view of the assertion that the Atmospheric Environment Service did not give due and timely notice of such an impending gale, will the minister cause an investigation to be carried out, to determine and correct the causes of this alleged shortcoming.

[Translation]

Hon. Jeanne Sauvé (Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, it is extremely difficult to make long term forecasts of the weather or even the beginnings of a storm. The matter is under continuous study. Even very recently a Canadian research vessel took part in climatic studies in the tropical area which will perhaps enable us to predict the weather and storms more than two days in advance. However, I can inquire whether any particular action might have been taken in the case mentioned by the hon. member.

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INDUSTRY

LUMBER—ALLEGED DUMPING OF PLYWOOD BY UNITED STATES

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is supplementary to that asked by the hon. member for South Shore and has to do with plywood. Is the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce aware that American plywood is being dumped on the Canadian market at 15 per cent below the cost of manufacturing the same type of plywood in Canada. If not, why not?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, questions or representations with respect to dumping should be referred to the Minister of National Revenue.

[Later:]

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I directed a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. I am not aware which minister looks after anti-dumping. The minister mentioned the Minister of National Revenue. May I direct my question to the Minister of National Revenue. Is he aware, especially as he comes from Vancouver, that American

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plywood companies are dumping American plywood on the Canadian market at as much as 15 per cent below the cost of Canadian manufacture. In the minister's own area they cannot sell the stuff.

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, my office has not received any complaints regarding anti-dumping, but I will check with the department and investigate the matter.

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THE BUDGET

INQUIRY AS TO DATE

Mr. James Gillies (Don Valley): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. Since he said several times in the House that the budget will be introduced early in November, is he prepared to give us the specific date for that long awaited event?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Not yet, Mr. Speaker.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF BAN ON POLITICAL CANVASSING ON ARMED FORCES BASES

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. In view of the fact that persons who live in homes located on Canadian Armed Forces bases are citizens with full voting rights, will the minister take steps to lift the ban against political canvassing so that all parties may present their message to the voters who live on the Canadian Armed Forces base in Rockcliffe in the current Carleton-East provincial by-election.

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member implied in his question, there is a regulation in the Queen's Regulations and Orders, which prevents an officer from allowing a candidate, his agent or canvasser from going onto a base to campaign during an election campaign. That applies federally, provincially and municipally. If the PMQ's are off the base, then the personnel can be canvassed by the candidate.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the minister. If it is a matter of regulation, does that not put it under the minister's control? Should not citizens in their homes, no matter where those homes are located, have the same political rights?

Mr. Richardson: Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. member has a good point. I will be pleased to consider it.