

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, the whole decision with regard to the full complement of CF-5's will be made known when the white paper is tabled in the House. At the present time two squadrons of CF-5's, one at Bagotville and the other at Cold Lake, are operating in a close ground support role. They are now fully operational and during the current year will be involved in close support operations with units of mobile command.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The question period has expired but we might allow time for one quick, succinct question from the hon. member for Egmont and from the hon. member for Matane. The hon. member for Matane.

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[Translation]

HOUSE OF COMMONS

HIRING OF COMMITTEE CLERKS

Mr. Pierre De Bané (Matane): Mr. Speaker, I would like to draw Your Honour's attention to some information I have recently received to the effect that the House of Commons is going to appoint six additional committee clerks—

Mr. Speaker: Order. Would the hon. member kindly resume his seat.

The hon. member cannot draw to the attention of the Chair circumstances such as those he has just mentioned in any way he wishes. The rules indicate in what way such information should be brought to the attention of the Chair and I suggest to the hon. member that he proceed according to the rules.

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[English]

YOUTH

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—EFFICIENT DEALING WITH PROJECTS SUBMITTED

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State. In view of his statement this afternoon in which he indicated that approval of projects under the Opportunities for Youth program will go through four different bodies, the lack of positive criteria and the number of projects to be examined, what steps is the minister taking to alleviate the fears of young people about the effective disposition of the projects that have been submitted?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I am always surprised when the hon. member for Egmont raises this question. I have before me the detailed criteria which have been published and sent to all youth organizations and all associations likely to be interested and that have requested them. These criteria are very clear; I can send a copy to the hon. member if he is not aware of them but he is certainly one of the very last individuals in Canada who has not yet read them.

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Yukon Minerals Act

[English]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, may I ask the government house leader as to the business of the House for tomorrow and for all of next week? In his answer would he say if he has yet secured authorization from his colleagues as to when he may place on the order paper notice affecting the future of the Public Order (Temporary Measures) Act?

Mr. MacEachen: The next item of government business is the Yukon minerals legislation, followed by the Canada Labour (Standards) Code, the Farm Products Marketing Act, Bill C-176, and the Canada Wheat Board Act. In reply to the final question, I would like to advise the hon. member that when I do seek authority I am sure I will get it, but I have not sought that authority yet.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

● (3:40 p.m.)

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

YUKON MINERALS ACT

ADMINISTRATION, ACQUISITION AND RECORDING OF CLAIMS, ETC.

The House resumed, from Friday, March 5, consideration of the motion of Mr. Chrétien that Bill C-187, respecting minerals in the Yukon Territory, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Nielsen (p. 4009).

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, it is exactly 48 days since the Yukon Mining Act was before the House and, on that occasion, I had gone about two thirds of the way through my speech so I welcome this opportunity to complete the remarks I was making at that time. It is rather difficult to join up the two sections of a speech after an interval of almost seven weeks, but the point I was making in the first part of my talk was that there is a desperate need for us to process more of our raw materials in our own country. While I do not have time to go over all the points I made about seven weeks ago, I intend to express my thoughts on what I feel we should be doing with the mineral resources so abundant in the more northern parts of Canada.

The philosophy of this government, it seems to me, is to make this nation of ours a supplier of raw materials for the markets of the world. It is true that some raw materials must always be sold, but we say it is time to slow down this type of economic development, which in the long run will do immense harm to various sections of Canada, and lay out long range plans for the establishment of industry in our country based on our abundant supplies of various raw materials.