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AIRPORTS

STE. SCHOLASTIQUE—UNSETTLED EXPROPRIATION CASES—ALLEGED PROHIBITIVE RENTS

Mr. Jean-Marie Boisvert (Drummond): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport.

Does he intend to meet the officials of the Centre d'information et d'animation communautaire (CIAC) of the Ste. Scholastique area who are complaining of inequitable action taken against them by the government in expropriating their property and in this handling of various problems resulting from the expropriation?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, if they ask me to meet them, I shall certainly do so, and gladly. It should, however, be remembered that of 3,250 expropriations fewer than one hundred cases are still pending, and I feel that the population as a whole is satisfied.

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): I have a supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Shefford on a supplementary.

Mr. Rondeau: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary for the Minister of Public Works.

Does he intend to review himself the cases just mentioned by the Minister of Transport? In fact, some residents of the Ste. Scholastique area not only have not been paid, following expropriation of their property, but are being charged prohibitive rents to remain in their own homes without any agreement having been reached.

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, I believe this question comes under the jurisdiction of my department. Rents paid are those current in the area. We do not want to compete unfairly with other landlords and there has been no abuse, and those who say there is are just indulging in demagoguery.

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ENERGY

OIL SUPPLY—REQUEST THAT REPORT OF NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD BE TABLED IN HOUSE

Mr. Peter C. Bawden (Calgary South): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. In view of the report which appeared in the Calgary press on December 29 last, and again last night in the Ottawa papers, that the National Energy Board staff has prepared and completed a dismal report suggesting that Canada will not be able to supply all of its oil markets beginning next year, will the minister tell the House whether there is such a report and, if there is, would the minister table it in the House so that members will be aware of its contents?

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Oral Questions

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member will know, he being a member of the appropriate committee, that committee will be meeting at eight o'clock tomorrow night and I and the National Energy Board will be reporting fully on Canada's oil export policies.

Mr. Bawden: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to see that the minister is responding in a positive way, but in view of the leaks that have taken place and the fact that the press and many others have seen this report, will the minister reconsider his decision and table it in the House so that members will have an opportunity to review the report in advance and thus have a better chance to make a contribution at the committee meeting tomorrow night, as well as recognizing the proper importance of the members of this House by doing so?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, it seems to me to make more sense to have the board there to explain its views in person.

Mr. Bawden: Mr. Speaker, the minister is saying that we have to have an explanation first, that we do not have the ability to read this report in advance. I would ask him again to consider tabling it, because I think members could understand the report all on their own.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Calgary North.

PROPOSED ALASKA OIL PIPELINE—REPRESENTATIONS TO UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON MACKENZIE VALLEY ROUTE

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. In view of the recent decision of the United States court of appeal that effectively barred construction of the Alaska oil pipeline for an indefinite period of time, and in view of the statement the minister made not so long ago in Washington about an alternative route, will the minister advise the House whether further representations have been made to the United States with respect to the alternative route by way of a pipeline down the Mackenzie Valley?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, the "not so long ago" to which the hon. member refers was 11 months ago. The government has no intention of renewing its representations. At that time we put before the United States government the information we had available with regard to a Mackenzie Valley oil pipeline as opposed to a gas pipeline. Since that time we have completed a great many studies with regard to environmental, ecological and other impacts of a pipeline on the Mackenzie Valley and the Mackenzie Valley oil pipeline research group has made available its studies in this regard to the American authorities. Of course, we will be interested in hearing from the United States administration in this regard, but at present we do not plan to take any fresh initiative.

Mr. Woolliams: Do I take it from the minister's answer that no further representations are being made and that