

Oral Questions

government's planning to push the so-called western pipeline east at least as far as salt water?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, perhaps the hon. member would want to read the transcript of the proceedings of the standing committee which was putting some questions to me on supplementary estimates the other day; he might be able to get a fair appreciation of the kind of problems I was describing. I think the subject is too technical and too general to give an answer in the House.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**GOVERNMENT POSITION ON DEVELOPMENT OF CABIN CREEK COAL DEPOSITS ON BRITISH COLUMBIA-MONTANA BORDER**

Mr. Bob Brisco (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of the Environment. In view of the recent meeting on Tuesday between the United States delegation from the state department, department of agriculture, department of the interior and the state of Montana, with their Canadian counterparts, the Department of the Environment, the Department of External Affairs and the provincial government, in connection with Cabin Creek coal development, would the minister make a statement today on his department's views concerning the development of Cabin Creek coal at the B.C.-Montana border?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, this is a matter which I discussed with Mr. Neilson when I was in British Columbia. I have already discussed this question with the U.S. ambassador and I intend very shortly to meet with the director responsible for the environment in Washington. We want to discuss all problems, not only in B.C. but in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and the Great Lakes, and reach a solution.

Mr. Brisco: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is it the minister's intention to table in the House or to provide in the form of a press release specific information to the House regarding Cabin Creek border coal development?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): I will look into that, Mr. Speaker.

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ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM**APPEAL OF ADMINISTRATOR'S DECISION IN IRVING CASE—REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF DEADLINE TO PERMIT UNION TO MAKE ORAL PRESENTATION**

Mr. Cyril Symes (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Labour. In view of the fact that the Canadian Paper Workers Union submitted their appeal of the Administrator's decision in the Irving case on March 9 and I believe the cabinet is going to make a decision on Monday, owing to an error in the Privy Council office in announcing the deadline would the cabinet consider extending the deadline so they may deal with this

[Mr. Forrestall.]

complicated brief in some considerable detail and allow the union to make an oral presentation?

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Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): We do not have the right under the law to extend the deadline, but we have considered the submission of the paperworkers. In the analysis, we have not seen fit to grant their request. However, as we have stated, we are bringing forward amendments to permit appeal procedures and that option will be open to the paper workers as a result.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**WEEKLY STATEMENT**

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, could I ask the House leader to let us know his intentions with respect to the business of the House today, for the balance of the week and perhaps even for next week.

Mr. Sharp: This afternoon we shall resume consideration of Bill C-83. You are aware, Mr. Speaker, that the House must take under consideration objections which have been filed respecting the provisions of the reports of the Electoral Boundaries Commissions. Discussions have taken place among representatives of the parties, and as a result I should like to propose an order of the House which would set the process in train. The time for taking into consideration the objections filed to the Nova Scotia redistribution expires tonight; that in respect of British Columbia expires on March 27; and that in respect of Alberta, on April 3.

It will be my intention to ask the House to set aside some time later for the consideration of all the objections which will have been filed by March 28, which I am given to understand is the final date for the filing of objections. This would include any of the objections to be discussed later today, the consideration of which is not completed. I should, therefore, like to move, seconded by my colleague, the Minister of Public Works:

That at 8:00 p.m. this day the House shall take up consideration of objections to the report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for the province of Nova Scotia;

That, after completion of consideration of the said report, the House shall take up consideration of objections to the report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for the British Columbia, but, if consideration of the report for Nova Scotia has not been completed at 8:40 p.m., the said consideration shall be adjourned and the House shall proceed forthwith to consideration of the report for British Columbia; and

That, after completion of consideration of the said report for British Columbia, the House shall take up consideration of objections to the report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for Alberta, but, if consideration of the report for British Columbia has not been completed at 9:20 p.m., the said consideration shall be adjourned and the House shall proceed forthwith to consideration of the report for Alberta;