

Mr. Speaker: Order please. We have reached the end of the question period, but in fairness to the hon. member for Témiscamingue, who had a brief question earlier, perhaps he might be allowed to ask a question at this time.

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[Translation]

MANPOWER

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—DECREASE IN GRANTS TO NORTHWESTERN QUEBEC—INCLUSION OF ROUYN AND NORANDA WITH HULL

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

Can he say why the budget of Opportunities for Youth Program was reduced by 57 per cent in the northwestern part of Quebec and why the department joined the cities of Rouyn-Noranda to that of Hull where the problems to be studied and solved are entirely different?

[English]

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I believe I have on several occasions, both in the House and before the committee, explained the precise basis for the allocation formula. It involves the 33 labour market areas in Canada, the 1971 census of youth population, and an assessment of the jobs available to such people without the skills or experience required. As for the figures regarding the precise district to which the hon. member refers, I will certainly look into them, but that is the basis for the allocation.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

Mr. Alexander: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I think some clarification must be made of the minister's answer to me with regard to the airport firefighters' strike in terms of what his department can do under these very difficult circumstances. It appears to me that the Minister of Labour is abdicating his responsibility in this regard by indicating that it is up to the Minister of Transport and his officials and Treasury Board—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Alexander: —to negotiate a settlement with the firemen. I point out to the minister quite emphatically that he has a role to play under section 195—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar rises on a point of order.

Mr. Gleave: Mr. Speaker, I asked earlier this afternoon whether a statement on motions would be made respecting the action of the government in banning, in whole or in part, cattle imported from the United States. I was informed by Your Honour that I might receive an answer during the question period, but it has not been forthcoming. I plead with Your Honour that the minister should make a statement to the House on this important matter in

Petroleum Administration Act

view of the fact that on March 15, as reported on page 556 of *Hansard*, he told the House:

However, I do not think anyone can guarantee that there are or are not such cattle coming in.

That statement was made by the minister. He has not clarified the position or told the House the circumstances and conditions under which United States cattle will be banned from entering Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Again I think I would have to classify the hon. member's point of order in the same category as the one raised by the hon. member for Hamilton West. It is more debate than a point of order. Orders of the day.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

PETROLEUM ADMINISTRATION ACT

PROVISION OF EXPORT CHARGE, COMPENSATION FOR OIL IMPORT COSTS, AND REGULATION OF PRICE OF CANADIAN CRUDE IN INTERPROVINCIAL AND EXPORT TRADE

The House resumed, from Monday, April 8, consideration of the motion of Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale) that Bill C-18, to impose a charge on the export of crude oil and certain petroleum products, to provide compensation for certain oil import costs and to regulate the price of Canadian crude oil in interprovincial and export trade be read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Stan Schellenberger (Wetaskiwin): Mr. Speaker, last night when I was speaking in the debate on Bill C-18 I was making reference to what the province of Alberta intended to do with the amount of money it would receive from the new royalty rates that had been set up. Perhaps I might clarify what royalty rates the province of Alberta has attempted to place in legislation. According to a ministerial announcement in the legislative assembly of Alberta on March 28, 1974, for all "old" oil the government proposed an average supplementary royalty rate of 65 per cent on the amount of the price increment over the existing price of crude oil in Alberta; and that for all "new" oil the government proposed an average supplementary royalty rate of 35 per cent on the amount of the price increment over the existing price of crude oil in Alberta, corresponding to the average supplementary rate of 65 per cent on "old" oil. The Leduc field, discovered in 1947, happens to lie entirely within the riding of Wetaskiwin.

Mr. Speaker: Order. May we have order, please. It is extremely difficult for the Chair to follow the debate and to hear the hon. member for Wetaskiwin who has the floor. It is even difficult to hear the hon. member for Comox-Alberni, who seeks the floor on a point of order.

Mr. Barnett: Mr. Speaker, the point of order I wished to raise was that I was under the impression the hon. member was trying to make a speech, but it was very difficult to determine which member it was who was