

Oral Questions

that is my hon. friend's recommendation, I would be happy to draw it to the attention of the Prime Minister.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

BUDGET STATEMENT ON POLICY

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, will the Prime Minister tell us whether the statement in the budget in relation to FIRA that "the agency will confine its examination of undertakings to the key elements of the investment proposal" is still believable, or will there be a new complication added to FIRA; in other words, the condition or leverage of the six and five rule?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, the responsible minister just answered that question, that that was not part of FIRA policy, but that he would be happy to study the recommendation of the Leader of the Opposition.

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FINANCE

PREPARATION OF RESTRAINT GUIDELINES

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, this is quite a day. We heard earlier that all those baseball fans came to see Gerry Regan and not the Expos or the All-Stars and that is why we have to pay the tab.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

An hon. Member: Who did you go to see?

Mr. Clark: I went to see Gary Carter.

Since we have had a clear indication by the Minister of Finance that the 6 - 5 rule is going to be applied to government grants, government subsidies and government agreements, and that guidelines are being prepared which the Minister of Finance thought would be finished this week, I should like to ask him whether those guidelines will be prepared this week, and will they be made public?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance): Madam Speaker, I told the Leader of the Opposition earlier in the week that the guidelines would probably, and "probably" was the word I used, be completed this week. That answer still stands, and when they are completed obviously it would be our intention to make them public.

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ENERGY

REDUCTION IN SUNCOR TAX PAYMENTS—APPLICATION OF RESTRAINT GUIDELINES

Mr. Paul E. McRae (Thunder Bay-Atikokan): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Yesterday he announced a \$35.5 million reduction in taxes to Suncor for additional spending for upgrading, efficiency and more production. Did Suncor give any undertaking that it would fulfil the six and five proposition?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Madam Speaker, I am indeed very happy to see Suncor proceeding with a \$690 million investment, about half of which will take place in Ontario and the other half in Alberta. In return for the tax concessions granted by the Government of Canada, Suncor has agreed to adhere, within its own operations, both to the federal government's six and five wage guidelines, except for existing contractual obligations, and to the guideline respecting lower price increases during the next two years as the rate of increase in costs goes down and profit margins are restored as a result of the excellent budget presented by the Minister of Finance at the end of June.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

MISCELLANEOUS ESTIMATES

PRESENTATION OF FIFTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present the fifth report of the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates, in both official languages.

[Editor's Note: For above reports, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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ENERGY

TABLING OF DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSE TO REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON OIL SUBSTITUTION

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 41(2), I wish to table, in both official languages, copies of the response of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources to the report of the Special Commons Committee on Oil Substitution.