

be informed of these changes while still in the pay of Canadian Pacific and Bechtel?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I do not know that Mr. Turner is in the pay of anyone. I imagine if one is a director of a company, one does not advise the company on a day to day basis. I imagine one goes to a board meeting once a month, once every three months, or once a year. I do not know.

I repeat, Hon. Members opposite are making representations. If there is some concern on the part of Mr. Turner as to the appropriateness of that date, I am sure he will reconsider it. If there is some concern on the part of the Secretary of the Cabinet on the appropriateness of briefing Mr. Turner, he will reconsider it too. The only effect of it is that Mr. Turner will not be able to be briefed until the end of the month. Therefore I will not resign until after the Queen comes, and then I will be happy and everybody will be happy.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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EMPLOYMENT

ENVIRONMENT 2000 PROGRAM—REQUEST FOR INCREASED FUNDING

Mr. Ted Miller (Nanaimo-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Employment and Immigration. It will be a grim summer for many young people in British Columbia. In regard to the Environment 2000 Program, of which I am sure the Minister has some knowledge, some 450 applications have been made in British Columbia under the environment aspect of the program. Only 50 of those applications have been approved, and all the funding has run out.

In view of the importance of those projects and some of the anger generated by the refusal of applications, is the Minister aware of any additional funding which could go not only to British Columbia but nationally to the Environment 2000 Program, to put many young Canadians back to work over the summer months?

Hon. John Roberts (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, of course I am very much aware of the Environment 2000 Program. I think the Hon. Member is aware of the recent addition to funding which was announced for the program earlier this month, or at the end of last month. I am not responsible for the administration of the program. It is in the hands of my colleague, the Minister of the Environment. I can neither attest to the accuracy of the statements of the Hon. Member nor can I tell him how much funding remains in the program. However, I will be happy to forward his representations to the Minister of the Environment who no doubt will be in touch to provide him with accurate information as soon as possible.

Oral Questions

CREATION OF JOBS IN FOREST INDUSTRY

Mr. Ted Miller (Nanaimo-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, in view of the absence of the Minister responsible for forestry who, I understand, will not be back before the end of the session, I will direct my question regarding the forest industry to the Minister of Employment and Immigration. There are two million people out of work in Canada, and we have a very seriously depleted forest resource. Our most important renewable resource is in need of great reforestation and intensive management.

Would the Minister commit himself to joining with the Minister responsible for forestry to call a national conference on forestry, including the federal and provincial Governments as well as labour and management, to work out a comprehensive strategy for reforestation and employment on a permanent basis for the many forest workers who are out of work and will not be getting back into the manufacturing aspect of the forest industry, but who could certainly serve in reforestation and in intensive management of our most important renewable resource?

Hon. John Roberts (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I am really a little startled by the Hon. Member's question. He should know—perhaps he does, and does not care to say it directly—that there have been continuing meetings between the Ministers of Forestry at the provincial level and their federal counterpart. Indeed, as a result of those meetings a federal forest strategy was brought forward and was discussed with the provinces. We are in the process of signing individual agreements with each of the provinces to focus on reforestation and silviculture problems and responses.

The fact of the matter, as he should know, is that in his own province it is the failure of the provincial Government to support those activities, and indeed the withdrawal of the provincial Government from some programs such as the Employment Bridging Assistance Program, which have undermined those efforts. There has been a continuing, firm, and constant effort on the part of the federal Government to respond exactly to those problems within the framework of the forest strategy which has already been developed. His criticisms, and I hope he would make them with great vigour, should be directed toward provincial authorities in his own province, not toward this side of the House.

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TRADE

POSSIBLE UNITED STATES ACTION TO LIMIT IMPORTATION OF CANADIAN STEEL

Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock-North Delta): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister for International Trade. While the Minister was having polite discussions with Mr. Shultz of the United States regarding free trade, Congress was very busy with legislation labelling Canada as a nation which is dumping steel into the United States. That involves 5,000 jobs and almost \$1 billion worth of export