

*Inquiries for the Ministry*

information that the United States government will bring down a decision in the near future regarding the trans-Alaska pipeline, will this government take a firm, official stand now and express to the United States government our opposition to any proposed oil tanker route which might be set up off our west coast from Alaska to the state of Washington?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, as I have said many times in the House, officials of the government met with officials of the United States government to express our concern about the ecological dangers of this route. I expect to have another opportunity on June 10 of making the same point to my opposite number in the United States.

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I should like to try to flush out the Acting Prime Minister on this question. Would he tell us the reaction of the United States to this submission, and on what studies was his submission based? We have gone into this matter previously. Upon what study was the submission based, and what was the reaction of the United States?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, perhaps we are as expert as anyone else in the world on the ecological dangers of oil spills in the ocean. We have had to clean some up.

**Mr. Woolliams:** Mr. Speaker, if we have to rely on this expert, God help us!

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**An hon. Member:** Flush again.

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**HEALTH**

ABNORMAL TURNOVER OF STAFF AT CHARLES CAMSELL HOSPITAL ALLEGEDLY CAUSED BY DEPARTMENTAL INTERFERENCE IN OPERATION

**Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the interference by the minister and his department in the operation of the Charles Camsell Hospital in Edmonton, is the minister aware that this has caused a wholesale hiring and firing of staff and has reduced the efficiency of qualified personnel in fulfilling their duties?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** I am not aware, Mr. Speaker, that it has had that type of result at all. In fact, I disagree with many of the conclusions of the hon. member.

**Mr. Paproski:** Are you disclaiming responsibility for your department?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I point out to the hon. member that questions should be addressed to the Chair.

[Mr. Harding.]

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[Translation]

**YOUTH**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—TIME REQUIRED TO APPROVE PROJECTS

**Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State.

Following many requests made by young people who submitted projects under the Opportunities for Youth program, may I ask the parliamentary secretary how much time is needed between the submission of a project and its approval?

[English]

**Mr. James Hugh Faulkner (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, probably a more relevant piece of information that I might offer to the House is that all projects which are approved will be notified before the end of this week.

[Translation]

**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question.

As time is of the essence, are the interested parties notified by telegram or by telephone?

[English]

**Mr. Faulkner:** Mr. Speaker, they will get the answer by telegram.

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**HEALTH**

CURTAILMENT OF SHARED-COST PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

**Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Will the federal government be putting forward concrete proposals at the current dominion-provincial health ministers conference designed to curtail the rising costs of shared-cost programs, especially hospitalization and medical care, which in the view of Premier Thatcher are impairing his province's ability to finance other necessary expenditures?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

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**FINANCE**

PROVINCIAL BORROWING IN UNITED STATES—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. It deals with the provinces going to the United States in order to borrow money. I ask the minister whether he accepts the accusation that federal policies are forcing the provinces to increase their borrowings in