Oral Questions

AIRPORTS

VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL—REQUEST FOR DETAILS OF PROPOSED PARKING GARAGE

Mr. Bill Clarke (Vancouver Quadra): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Last week the minister answered order paper question No. 1,979, wherein he reveals that the shuttle bus service between the parking lot and terminal building at Vancouver International Airport costs more than \$500,000 per year. He also said that consideration is presently being given to the construction of a car park structure there, and when that happens the need for the shuttle bus service will be eliminated. I would like to ask the minister whether positive consideration is being given, at this time, and if so, what type of structure is being considered and what target date for commencement of the construction has been set?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, we always have a positive view when we are giving consideration to any project. That is all the information I can give the hon, member at this time.

Mr. Hees: That is very reassuring, Otto!

[Translation]

INCOME TAX

REQUEST THAT MEASURES BE TAKEN SO REFUNDS MADE QUICKLY TO QUEBEC TAXPAYERS

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Revenue.

Since an agreement has been reached between the Department of National Revenue and its Quebec counterpart, which provides for part of the federal income tax deducted from the source to be returned to the province of Quebec whenever a taxpayer living in Quebec, as of December 31, held a job in another province during the year, could the minister tell us why income tax refunds to Quebec have been so much delayed by her department and would she undertake to have these refunds made as soon as possible?

Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, what the hon. member describes as the objective of the fiscal operation in Canada is our goal, i.e. to make income tax refunds to the individuals and the province of Quebec, as soon as possible and I want the House to know that we do our best to do so.

[English]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

ALLEGED HALTING OF INVESTIGATION INTO POLITICAL PARTY KICKBACK SCHEME IN NEW BRUNSWICK—GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. Leonard C. Jones (Moncton): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Solicitor General and is in the interest of preserving some law, order and decency, as well as the good name of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and its individual members in the province of New Brunswick. What disciplinary action, precaution or amendments to regulations does the minister intend to take as a result of statements purported to be made by a former RCMP officer with "J" Division in New Brunswick, who halted investigation into an alleged political party kickback scheme?

Hon. Francis Fox (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows, there is presently an official investigation and a judicial inquiry under way in the province of New Brunswick into the allegation of a kickback scheme. Under the circumstances, I do not wish to make any comments on the matter, at this time.

Mr. Jones: Mr. Speaker, I have another question for the Solicitor General. Would the Solicitor General be prepared to make a statement following the inquiry?

Mr. Fox: Mr. Speaker, once the inquiry has run its course, I will be able to decide whether a statement on my part is indeed in order.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

GARRISON DIVERSION—SUGGESTION REPRESENTATIONS BE MADE TO UNITED STATES NO FURTHER FUNDS BE GRANTED FOR PROJECT

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. On Monday, June 13, the House of Representatives in Washington will be voting on a report from the House Appropriations Committee requesting more funds for the continuing of the Garrison Diversion project in North Dakota which, if completed, will be harmful to Manitoba waters. Will the minister make immediate representations to Washington requesting that no further funds be granted until the final report of IJC is completed and presented this summer or next fall?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I am aware of the hearings to which the hon. member has referred. As the hon. member knows, there have been almost continuous ongoing discussions with the United States on this matter for some time. President Carter has indicated his views with regard to the situation. His views are very much supportive of the Canadian position. Whether anything additional is required before these hearings, I am not