

Of course, if the Inuit are not prepared to accept the final agreement that their own political organization negotiated, then that is the end of that agreement. I suppose they may want to make representations to me or to the next Government, on starting up some process again, and that can be judged at that time. However, there is one final agreement which has been approved.

Mr. Crosbie: Come on! Speech! Speech!

Mr. Munro (Hamilton East): They asked that it be approved, and it is out there for approval.

Mr. Crosbie: Order.

Mr. Munro (Hamilton East): Surely the Hon. Member would not be suggesting any other course of conduct.

GOVERNMENT'S POSITION

Mr. John McDermid (Brampton-Georgetown): Mr. Speaker, I have just a short supplementary question. I would like to quote the Minister. He said:

—renegotiation of the claim settlement would not be considered by this Government.

Therefore, when the Minister makes a statement like that, does he not see that that is a form of threat to the Inuvialuit who must now take a look at that agreement and decide whether to ratify it or not? Coach him, Pierre!

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I do not know what the view of the Opposition would be on this but, when there is a final agreement, it is a final agreement we are negotiating. We cannot have negotiation going on indefinitely. It is they who want this agreement. Their negotiators agreed with it. It is final.

Mr. McDermid: Why do you make threats like that?

Mr. Munro (Hamilton East): It is not a threat, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. McDermid: Sure it is.

Mr. Munro (Hamilton East): The problem with the Hon. Member is that he is so lacking in intelligence, he cannot make a distinction—

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Crosbie: You are seeing red, John.

Mr. Munro (Hamilton East): —between reality and a threat.

Oral Questions

THE ADMINISTRATION

ATTENDANCE OF MINISTER OF EMPLOYMENT AND IMMIGRATION DURING QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister responsible for manpower and immigration, I would like to ask the Prime Minister if he can tell the House whether or not he considers the fact that the Minister of Employment and Immigration, day after day arrives in this House at 2.30 p.m. and leaves by 2.55 p.m., is a satisfactory performance in terms of—

Mr. Speaker: Order. Order. The presence or absence of Hon. Members in the House is not usually the subject of comment. The Hon. Member for York-Peel.

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POLITICAL PARTIES

LIBERAL PARTY LEADERSHIP CAMPAIGN—DESCRIPTION OF LIBERAL BACKBENCHERS BY MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Hon. Sinclair Stevens (York-Peel): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of State for Science and Technology. The Minister will recall that on April 19 he said that Liberal backbench Members of Parliament were voting robots. Would the Minister indicate to the House if that scientific observation meant that he felt that they had some use in the industrial world?

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Hon. Donald J. Johnston (Minister of State for Economic and Regional Development and Minister of State for Science and Technology): Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member should have heard what I said about the Members of Parliament on the other side of the House.

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AGRICULTURE

NATIONAL MARKETING BOARDS—APPLICATION OF CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

Hon. Jake Epp (Provencher): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the Minister of Agriculture. In an earlier answer today the Minister of Agriculture left the impression that for those farmers who produce products under national marketing boards there is a question relative to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms as to whether they are in violation of the Charter. Is that the interpretation which the Minister places on the Menzies exercise?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, in our discussions regarding amendments to the Act we were speaking about allowing certain products to be in the Act. Our legal adviser said we could not do that, that it would have to be