

*Oral Questions***ABORTION—REQUEST THAT CALGARY BIRTH CONTROL ASSOCIATION BE PROHIBITED FROM REOPENING CLINIC**

Mr. Douglas Roche (Edmonton-Strathcona): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question which I will direct to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the fact that the Calgary Birth Control Association has just received a second year grant from LIP for \$45,200, and this association last year opened abortion clinics which promoted easy abortion and set a precedent in the use of government money for abortion, will the minister prohibit the Calgary Birth Control Association from reopening its abortion clinic?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, with respect to the hon. member's allegations, my understanding is that they may not be correct. In checking into this we found that an unfortunate error was made in a newspaper report about this project some months ago which stimulated a great deal of criticism of this project. We doublechecked it and found that most local citizens considered it a very worthy one. My understanding is that this association does not operate an abortion clinic.

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AIRPORTS**MOUNT HOPE, ONTARIO—PUBLIC HEARINGS ON EXPANSION PLANS**

Mr. Sean O'Sullivan (Hamilton-Wentworth): Mr. Speaker, I should like to return to the question of airports and direct my question to my good friend the Minister of Transport. Just when we had gained some confidence that the minister was aware of the difference between Mount Hope and Pickering, the minister advised us today that his department does intend to go ahead with the expansion at Port Hope. This must come as some surprise—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member has to take into account that other hon. members want to ask questions. It is very easy to preface a question with a speech but I do not think that is proper. The hon. member should ask his question.

Mr. O'Sullivan: I appreciate your guidance, Mr. Speaker, but I was trying to make sure that the Minister of Transport knew of that of which I speak. I now ask the Minister of Transport, who gave us the assurance that he would live up to the commitments of his predecessor, whether there will be public hearings into the proposed expansion of Mount Hope airport?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I realize the hon. member wants to make his colleague laugh and I know this is easy to do. The public has been consulted widely enough in Hamilton, but if further consultations are needed, we shall not only gladly hold them but we shall also hear any person wishing to be heard.

[*Mr. Lang.*][*Later:*][*English*]

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, my question is supplemental and is addressed to the Minister of Transport concerning airport matters. I should like to ask the minister when he will make some statement and provide some assistance to the airports at Fort St. James, Vanderhoof, Burns Lake, Smithers and Terrace?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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ENERGY**OIL AND GAS—INQUIRY AS TO DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN CANADIAN AND UNITED STATES DEFENCE OFFICIALS**

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence. In view of the optimistic evidence given yesterday by the assistant deputy minister of the United States Department of Defence before a Senate committee on oil and gas, may I ask whether there have been discussions or negotiations between the Canadian Department of National Defence and United States Pentagon officials in regard to an oil and gas deal between Canada and the United States?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): No, Mr. Speaker.

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MANPOWER**LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—SUGGESTED EXPANSION TO PROVIDE FOR BUILDING OF DIKES AND EARTHWORKS ON LONG POINT ISLAND, LAKE ERIE**

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Would the minister immediately expand his LIP program so as to provide for a desperately urgent works program to build dikes, earthworks or the taking of other appropriate measures to prevent imminent disaster to hundreds of homes and cottages on Long Point Island in Lake Erie?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether there has been an application for a local initiatives project for that purpose but I shall take note of the hon. member's representation, with sympathy.

Mr. Nesbitt: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary which I should like to direct to the Minister of the Environment and also the Minister of Transport. Has the Minister of the Environment discussed with his colleague the Minister of Transport measures that may be taken on Lake Erie? I raise this matter because of the terms of the Navigable Waters Protection Act over which the Minister of Transport and the Minister of the Environment seem to have jurisdiction.