

## TRANSPORT

### PROVISION OF FREIGHT CARS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA LUMBER INDUSTRY

**Mr. Frank Oberle (Prince George-Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Further to a question I asked his parliamentary secretary about two weeks ago relating to the acute shortage of railway rolling stock for the lumber industry in British Columbia, can the minister today tell the House if his discussions with the provincial government have resulted in a solution for this very serious problem?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** Is the hon. member referring only to the discussion on boxcars or to the whole discussion with the government of British Columbia?

**Mr. Oberle:** I am referring to boxcars which are in short supply for the lumber industry in British Columbia.

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** Mr. Speaker, discussions are being carried on not mainly with the government of British Columbia but with the Americans. This is where our boxcars are and the CNR and CPR are trying to get back as many cars as they can.

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## REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

### REQUEST FOR ELIMINATION OF SASKATOON AND REGINA AS SPECIAL AREAS AND PLACING OF ALL TOWNS AND CITIES ON EQUAL BASIS

**Mr. Norval Horner (Battleford-Kindersley):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In view of the fact the cities of Saskatoon and Regina are designated as special areas in Saskatchewan under DREE and that this policy discourages and practically prevents industrial growth in all other cities and towns in that province, would the minister consider changing the policy to eliminate these two cities as special areas and put all towns and cities on an equal basis?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, a question along these lines has already been discussed at considerable length with the government of Saskatchewan, and a working party is now considering how the objective outlined by the hon. member can be achieved, that is, to make incentive grants and other assistance under DREE available over a wider area, not only in Saskatchewan but in other provinces.

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## NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION

### ALLEGED NOTIFICATION TO MUNICIPALITIES THAT DUMPING ON ITS LANDS WILL BE PROHIBITED IN 1974

**Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of State for

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Urban Affairs. In view of the growing concern with respect to waste management disposal problems in the national capital area, can he say whether it is true that the National Capital Commission has notified municipalities within the area that dumping on its lands will be prohibited in 1974 and, if so, what is the cut-off date for that order?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please, I will take just one second of the time of the House to suggest it is not regular to ask a minister to confirm a statement which is made outside the House. To save time, we will assume that the question has been asked directly.

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I will have to take notice of the question and report back to the hon. member.

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## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

### PROPOSED NUCLEAR TESTS BY FRANCE—PROTEST BY CANADA THROUGH UNITED NATIONS

**Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. What action, if any, is being taken by our Canadian representatives at the United Nations to protest the proposed French nuclear tests in the south Pacific?

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**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, we have made direct representations to the French government on this question on a number of occasions and I am very happy to say that on the last occasion I was able to transmit the views of this parliament.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Chair will recognize the hon. member on a supplementary, and I believe the hon. member for Gander-Twillingate and the hon. member for Bonaventure-Îles de la Madeleine have supplementaries to previous questions.

**Mr. Harding:** Mr. Speaker, the minister did not answer my question. The question was, what action had been taken at the United Nations level by the Canadian representatives? In addition, may I ask whether the Canadian government has considered any further action at the international level in protesting against these proposed nuclear tests?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, I think the position of the Canadian government on these tests is extremely well known and, if there had been any doubt about it, we had the full support of the House of Commons. I can think of no stronger protest.