

Energy Legislation

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 3,512, 3,961, 3,962 and 3,963.

[Text]

PORT OF LANSDOWNE, ONTARIO

Question No. 3,512—Mr. Cossitt:

Since the placing of question No. 3,322 on the Order Paper concerning whether or not immigration in the port of Lansdowne, Ontario might be placed under the direction of Kingston, is the government moving swiftly to have the matter placed under the jurisdiction of Kingston and, if so (a) what are all the reasons for haste (b) will the government consider representations from various interested parties before any decision is made to place the port under any jurisdiction outside the boundaries of Leeds-Grenville?

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration): No.

(a) No haste is being taken in making this decision. As stated in the reply to question No. 3,322 part 1(b), it is part of our annual review of operational planning and as stated a final recommendation has not been made as of the date of this question.

(b) No. If it is simply an internal re-organization and does not affect the level of service in the area concerned or if it does not involve the closure of an office, the Commission has full authority to make this decision.

Question No. 3,961—Mr. Cossitt:

What are the names and job designations of all the persons in government who played any part whatsoever, directly or indirectly, in the consideration being given to placing the Department of Employment and Immigration at the port of Lansdowne under the authority of the port of Kingston, which is outside the boundary of the constituency of Leeds-Grenville where the port of Lansdowne is located?

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration): The decision to place the port of Lansdowne under the responsibility of the port of Kingston was made by the executive director of the Ontario region in consultation with his senior officials. It would be inappropriate to provide the additional information requested, as the full authority for making this decision rests with the executive director.

Question No. 3,962—Mr. Cossitt:

Is the provincial jail in Brockville in the constituency of Leeds-Grenville used for all persons arrested for immigration infractions at the port of Lansdowne and, if so, what would be the purpose of placing the port of Lansdowne, located in that constituency, under the authority of the Department of Employment and Immigration at Kingston, which would be outside the area and 50 miles from the jail?

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration): No. The provincial jail in Brockville is used for some persons arrested for immigration infractions at Lansdowne. Some are transported to Ottawa immediately, the remainder are transferred to Ottawa within 24 hours. Brockville jail is usually crowded and does not have proper facilities

to hold adjudication hearings. There are no full-time matrons for female prisoners; therefore, females are transferred to Ottawa as soon as possible.

Question No. 3,963—Mr. Cossitt:

Has political pressure been or is it being exerted from any person in government, directly or indirectly, on behalf of the government to place the Department of Employment and Immigration at the port of Lansdowne in the constituency of Leeds-Grenville under the authority of the port of Kingston which is outside the present area and, if so, what are all the details in this regard and what are the names of all those exerting such pressure?

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration): No.

[English]

Mr. Smith: I ask, Madam Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Translation]

Madam Speaker: The questions enumerated by the hon. parliamentary secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[Translation]

WAYS AND MEANS

PETROLEUM ADMINISTRATION ACT

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources) moved:

That a Ways and Means Motion about a bill to amend the Petroleum Administration Act, laid upon the table of the House on Monday, April 5, 1982, be concurred in.

Madam Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[English]

Mr. Nielsen: No.

Madam Speaker: All those in favour will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Madam Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Madam Speaker: In my opinion the yeas have it.

And more than five members having risen: