

TRADE

INQUIRY AS TO AGREEMENT WITH ROUMANIA

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary Centre): I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In his talks this week with the Foreign Minister of Roumania, were any agreements or trade arrangements arrived at designed to increase the Canada-Roumania flow of trade?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Preparations were completed for a trade agreement between Canada and Roumania. This agreement should be signed in the near future. Discussions took place on a number of issues, such as joint ventures, nuclear reactors and so on, and the Roumanians were apparently satisfied enough with the progress made on a number of items of interest to them and to us.

Mr. Harkness: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the minister indicate what particular commodities are to be covered by this agreement?

Mr. Pepin: It is a general trade agreement, Mr. Speaker, and no specific commodity, so far as I remember, is included in the agreement itself.

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POWER

PROPOSED FLOODING OF SKAGIT RIVER VALLEY—INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION REPORT—GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of the Environment. When does the government expect a report from the International Joint Commission on its recent hearings on the proposed flooding of the Skagit River Valley?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, we expect a recommendation early this fall.

Mr. Harding: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Will the decision, once rendered by the IJC, constitute the final attempt by the government to stop the proposed flooding?

Mr. Davis: Mr. Speaker, if I understand the role of the International Joint Commission correctly, the commission makes recommendations to both the United States and Canadian governments, and they may or may not accept those recommendations.

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AIR TRANSPORT

NEGOTIATIONS WITH FOREIGN AIRLINES SEEKING LANDING RIGHTS AT TORONTO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Mr. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Can the

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minister indicate when negotiations might be initiated with airlines seeking landing rights at Toronto International Airport?

Mr. Baldwin: Do you have your music, Don?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, as I have replied on earlier occasions in the House, we have had preliminary talks with the various governments concerned, and have most recently indicated to the government and proper authorities in Germany that we will be prepared to undertake talks with them beginning, I believe, early in the fall. I will be communicating similar information to the government of Italy within a short time.

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AIR CANADA

COMMENCEMENT OF BOEING 747 SERVICE TO FRANKFURT, GERMANY

Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Will Air Canada begin its Boeing 747 service to Frankfurt, Germany, on July 7 next, as scheduled.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): I hope so, Mr. Speaker. The reference I made a few moments ago was to a small misunderstanding that might have occurred internationally, but I hope that as a result of what I have indicated today that can be resolved.

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HARBOURS

SAINT JOHN, N.B.—COMMITMENT TO DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. In view of growing uneasiness in New Brunswick, will the minister say if there has been any basic change in the federal government's participation in development plans for the port of Saint John? Will he further reassure us that he will stand by the commitment he made in the glare of camera and television lights a short time ago?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I doubt very much if the hon. member can find an instance where I have not stood by a commitment, and that is exactly the case in this instance.

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PENITENTIARIES

KINGSTON WOMEN'S PRISON—DETENTION OF INMATES IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT FOLLOWING DISTURBANCE

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I notice that the Solicitor General has left the chamber. I