

Mr. Redway:—whether Senator van Roggen and I have this all wrong. Who is right, Mr. Minister?

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister for International Trade): Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Cochrane—Superior.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Crosbie: When am I going to be allowed to answer?

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Cochrane—Superior.

Mr. Axworthy: That's the best answer you've given all day, John.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Hon. Member for Cochrane—Superior.

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ABORIGINAL RIGHTS

DENE AND MÉTIS LAND CLAIM

Mr. Keith Penner (Cochrane—Superior): Mr. Speaker, I have in my hand yesterday's edition of *Hansard*. In reply to a question I posed regarding the status of the Dene and Métis land claims in the Northwest Territories the Acting Prime Minister said as follows:

There are a couple of outstanding items still. These are being negotiated . . . and those negotiations and discussions are continuing.

That is encouraging and reassuring news. I want to ask the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development if he could clarify the nature of those continuing negotiations. Can he tell the House what steps he is taking to ensure that progress will continue?

Hon. Bill McKnight (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Minister of Western Economic Diversification): Mr. Speaker, the reply by the Acting Prime Minister yesterday is accurate. There are, as the Hon. Member knows, opportunities for clarification of the Dene-Métis claim. There was a negotiation which led to a negotiated AIP which should be signed.

The opportunity for clarification can be discussed and is being discussed by the Dene-Métis with officials. But I am prepared to sign the agreement in principle that was negotiated. I think that is something that is known to the Dene-Métis leadership. The clarification that may be necessary can be explained and explored by the officials, as it is being done now.

REQUEST THAT MINISTER MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF CLAIMANTS

Mr. Keith Penner (Cochrane—Superior): Mr. Speaker, the Dene and the Métis have accepted 90 per cent of the proposed agreement. On the remaining outstanding items on which

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there is a difference of opinion they have asked for a meeting with the Minister in order to explore all possible options, leading to a possible settlement of this important claim.

Is the Minister prepared to meet with the Dene-Métis? When will that meeting take place? Will he keep the door open so that those remaining items can in fact be settled in a way that is just and equitable for the Dene and the Métis of the Northwest Territories?

Hon. Bill McKnight (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Minister of Western Economic Diversification): Mr. Speaker, the agreement in principle that was negotiated is just and fair to the Dene-Métis. It is just and fair to the Government and people of Canada. It is a just and fair agreement in principle.

The agreement in principle that has been negotiated is there. I am prepared to sign that negotiated agreement in principle.

If there is clarification that may be needed as to certain points, as I said before that clarification can be explored and examined by the Dene-Métis with officials prepared to clarify it for them at any time.

There have been negotiations which led to an agreement in principle. That agreement in principle was a negotiated, fair and just agreement in principle. I am prepared to sign that agreement in principle.

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POINT OF ORDER

CORRECTION TO STATEMENT

Hon. Perrin Beatty (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I would like to make a brief correction to the record.

A few minutes ago I had a question with regard to costs of the BB 206. I indicated that the simplest vehicle, which was the cargo variant of the BB 206, cost Canadians \$140,000 in 1984. I was incorrect in the second figure I gave. The announced program costs allow for \$175,000, not \$170,000, in 1988-89 dollars for the same vehicle. Other variants, obviously, would cost different costs. But the difference is the difference in inflation and exchange rates.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

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Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of State and Minister of State (Treasury Board)): Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions