

that we intervene in the course of these private contracts. I will consider the suggestion.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**OIL—REQUEST FOR NAMES OF COMPANIES THAT MAY BE AFFECTED BY "FORCE MAJEURE" CLAUSE IN CONTRACTS**

**Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. I refer him to page 8172 of *Hansard*, specifically to questions asked yesterday by the hon. member for Calgary South, who wanted the minister to tell us whether the *force majeure* which is being suggested by the oil supplying companies is as a result of their being cut off at the source by the producing countries, and therefore they do not have the oil, or whether it is because the supplying companies have decided arbitrarily to deliver the oil to some other country. The minister's answer was:

—my understanding is that it has been a decision of the supplying companies, and it may be related under the conditions of the contracts they have with other countries to other supply obligations.

A little earlier, in response to a question by the hon. member for Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain—

**Some hon. Members:** Order.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I think the hon. member should ask his question now.

**Mr. Nielsen:** A little earlier, when replying to a question by the hon. member for Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain who asked for the names of the supplying companies, the minister's reponse was that he would check into it, presumably to inform the House. I ask the minister now whether he has checked into this matter and has the names of the companies and, if he has, will he please disclose them to the House of Commons?

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, may I respond to the hon. member by pointing out that, as reported on page 8179 of *Hansard*, I stated:

My understanding at the moment is that this redistribution has not taken place but the companies have indicated there is a prospective interruption under the *force majeure* provision of the supplying contracts.

As to the supplying companies, there are, of course, inter-company contracts between affiliated firms, and there are many others as well. I will be glad to see if I can get a list of all of them.

**An hon. Member:** You'd better get it.

**POSSIBLE DIVERSION OF CANADIAN OIL IMPORTS—  
MAGNITUDE OF INTERRUPTION OF SUPPLY**

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources in respect of

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contracts between Canadian companies and supplying corporations. On October 25 he told the House, in relation to the possible diversion of oil for Canada by international corporations:

I think I might adopt what someone has said that such action would not be a crime but worse than a crime. It would be a gross blunder. I hope we have made that message very clear to the companies operating in Canada, and we hope it is understood by them.

I should like to ask the minister what he has been given to understand by the Canadian companies, whether he has received word from any Canadian company of a prospective interruption of supply, and how many barrels a day this would involve.

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** I have, indeed, Mr. Speaker, and I have an undertaking on the part of companies that the government of Canada will be advised if there is to be any allocation of supplies otherwise than would be expected. My information is that there has been no reallocation at the present time and, as I have said several times already, we will let the House know exactly what the possible reason is in the event there is such an allocation.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Mr. Speaker, has the minister received any specific word with regard to any prospective reallocation or interruption of supply? Has he received from a Canadian company any specific indication of a prospective reduction in supply?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Not at the moment, Mr. Speaker, but we did receive an indication from them of what the possible interruption could be if that situation came to pass.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Burnaby-Richmond-Delta and then the hon. member for Assiniboia.

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**OBTAINING OF DEPARTMENTAL DOCUMENTS  
CONCERNING JOHN MEIER BY UNITED STATES  
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

**Mr. John Reynolds (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Two days ago I gave him notice of a question which I asked yesterday. Since his answer yesterday, the minister's assistant has made it known publicly that the minister's answer was incorrect. Could the minister tell us today whether in fact the government did transmit documents to a foreign government, who authorized the transmission of those documents, and is it generally government practice to pass documents relating to citizens and residents of Canada to foreign governments?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I believe the only inaccuracy in the answer I gave was in respect of the recipient of the information that was transmitted. I thought at the time it went to Mr. Meier's lawyer. This practice is customary,