

Oral Questions

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member put so many questions in one that I am afraid I will not be able to do them justice. I can just say that the guidelines applying to ministers will be one thing. The guidelines applying to public servants and order in council appointees will be something else. The general approach will be the same. The principles will be the same for everyone, but they will have different applications as they apply to Members of Parliament, members of the cabinet, members of the public service, and order in council appointments.

With regard to the other part of the question, I looked at the papers and the evidence which were put before me and I have no cause to believe they contain anything erroneous, but if the hon. member has any grounds for suspicion I feel he should see it his duty to inform me of it and not let this kind of innuendo circulate.

Mr. Nowlan: In order to avoid the possibility of any innuendo, would the Prime Minister consider tabling the papers he looked at so that all members of the House could look at them? Also, in order to avoid any innuendo in the second part of my question which dealt with the CRTC, would he or someone in his cabinet in the near future please define the position of cabinet ministers who have holdings as a result of CRTC decisions or licences given by the CRTC so that there is no misunderstanding?

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TRANSPORT**PROPOSED NEW TANKER ROUTES ON ATLANTIC COAST—
DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPARTMENTS**

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. In view of the environmental threat posed by any oil tanker route along our Canadian coastline, and in view of the fact that oil refineries are being established on the Atlantic coast of Canada and must be supplied by oil tanker fleets, are discussions going on or have discussions been held with his or any other government department as to the routes which these oil tankers must use in supplying these refineries?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Yes, Mr. Speaker. There are discussions with environment and even with external affairs, and in the case of the west coast I think we are discussing it with a committee of the UN to make sure that the coasts are protected and the fisheries too.

Mr. Harding: Mr. Speaker, I indicated that my question referred primarily to the Atlantic coast. Has the fishing industry been involved in any of the discussions relating to the oil tanker routes?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Yes, Mr. Speaker. There was a meeting last week at a very low level in Halifax, a meeting which I was not aware of and which was referred to by two members on the other side of the House. I think they are to receive a letter to this effect. It was to that meeting that the provincial government was invited. The

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industry was invited, and they were discussing the impact of the tanker route on the fishing industry.

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Mr. Harding: What is the basis of the discussions taking place? Do they include safety measures, including the limiting of the size of tankers in certain areas?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, unfortunately I have not received a full report on the meeting that took place in Halifax. As soon as I have it I will be happy to indicate what it is. It was a public meeting, Mr. Speaker. I am waiting for a report from my officials who were there. It was not a secret meeting, as was indicated in the newspapers, because even the provincial minister who was referred to was at that meeting. Nothing secret was going on there. As soon as I have the report I will be happy to communicate the conclusions of the officials attending the meeting.

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, related to one I asked last week. In view of the concern expressed by the fishermen of Atlantic Canada, especially the lobster fishermen of Nova Scotia, about the proposed new tanker routes, will the minister or his officials be holding still further discussions with the oil industry and representatives of the fishing industry before any of these proposed routes become finalized?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, I think I have to answer that I do not intend to have special routes for tankers; routes must be determined for all ships, including tankers. What we are interested in is the impact on the fisheries, and that is what has been discussed in Halifax. If it is necessary to have different routes for tankers, probably we will have a recommendation to that effect. I do not have the report yet, but these are the questions we are looking into.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION**DESIGNATION OF MONTMAGNY AREA AS SPECIAL ZONE—
DISCUSSION WITH QUEBEC**

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

Can he tell the House whether he has initiated negotiations with the Quebec government to designate Montmagny and suburbs as a special area?

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Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): No, Mr. Speaker, not yet. However, I will be meeting with the government of the province of Quebec on Wednesday or Thursday of this week and I have no doubt that will be one of the matters that will be up for discussion.