

rental housing for not only Alberta but Canada is the MURB program, because we're talking about federal income tax. The opportunities in the Alberta rental investment incentive program can only apply to Alberta tax. So in my view, the MURB program is extremely essential to the production of rental housing all across this country.

Constitution — Charter of Rights

MRS. CHICHAK: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct my question to the hon. Premier for a matter of clarification dealing with Section 28 of the Charter of Rights. And just to be clear that the Premier is clear on the section I need clarified, I'd like to read it:

Notwithstanding anything in this Charter, the rights and freedoms referred to in it are guaranteed equally to male and female persons.

There seems to be some confusion as to just what that clause means. I wonder if the hon. Premier could make that clarification for us.

MR. LOUGHEED: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to respond this way. That clause, and I'd quote from the words used by the federal member for Kingston, Miss Flora MacDonald, when she introduced it as a proposed amendment: "provides for a straightforward unequivocal statement of purpose that all rights apply equally to men and women."

While I'm on my feet, I would like to confirm again that the position of the government of Alberta is that Section 28 should not have any overriding provisions or qualifications to it, and it should stand as was provided for in the resolution before Parliament this past spring. Accordingly, within the last hour we have reconfirmed our advice to the federal Deputy Minister of Justice, Mr. Tasse, to the effect that that is the case for the province of Alberta on Section 28. Section 28 should stand in the resolution being introduced in the House of Commons today, without qualification, as it was originally prescribed, for the purpose I have mentioned.

MR. NOTLEY: A supplementary question. I believe the Premier mentioned that the resolution is being introduced today. Is the Premier able to report to the House whether there has been consensus among the other provinces with respect to Section 28? Has the Premier been given the advice from the federal government that in fact Section 28 will be introduced as it originally stood, not subject to the notwithstanding clause?

MR. LOUGHEED: Mr. Speaker, all I can say to the hon. member is that I hope so. Obviously, these matters of interprovincial communication and federal/provincial communication have been going on for the past number of days. When that resolution is introduced today in the House of Commons by the federal Minister of Justice, I hope it will in fact provide for an unqualified Section 28, which is the position of Alberta.

Odyssey Project

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct this question to the Associate Minister of Public Lands and Wildlife. It deals with the Cline River project. On page 1411 of *Hansard*, the minister is quoted as saying:

Certainly concerns were expressed by the wildlife division, but these have been resolved by the proponents of the Odyssey proposal sitting down with

our staff.

Mr. Speaker, my question to the hon. minister refers to just what response the fish and wildlife division has had to their concerns expressed in a memo of April 13, 1981, entitled Fish and Wildlife Review, Environmental Report, Cline River Development Co. Ltd. The fish and wildlife people outline some 30 major concerns with respect to the proposed Odyssey project. Is the minister prepared to table the response of the fish and wildlife branch to the EIA, with respect to the concerns expressed in this document? Is the minister satisfied that all 30 of those major objections have in fact been met by the proponents?

MR. MILLER: Mr. Speaker, I haven't got that in front of me at this time. However, I would like to report that a meeting was held on November 13 this year. It was attended by Mr. Fennell, Mr. Marsh, Dr. Garbutt, and Fritz Kamprath, from the Cline River Development Company, along with members of the Department of Energy and Natural Resources: Mr. Benson from forest land use, Mr. Thompson from the fish and wildlife division, and Mr. Facco of the lands division. In that meeting, they discussed the various concerns which had been brought forward by the fish and wildlife division, as well as the lands and forest division. I'm pleased to report that the meeting was very successful and that agreement was reached on the issues.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the hon. minister. With respect to this particular memo, which details some 30 objections, is the minister prepared to table in the House the response of the branch to these concerns, as a consequence of the meeting which he alluded to and which he assured the House has satisfied the government?

MR. MILLER: Mr. Speaker, I'm not sure if there was a written response or just a response that was agreed to, and the issues were settled at the meeting held on November 13.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the hon. minister. The memo I referred to makes it clear that the review of the fish and wildlife branch says:

It is clear that this proposal, before approval, should be examined within the context of a detailed Integrated Management Plan for the entire area.

My question directly to the minister, Mr. Speaker: is the minister in a position to explain to the Assembly this afternoon how this concern has been resolved, in view of the fact that no integrated management plan for the area is completed at the present time?

MR. MILLER: Mr. Speaker, when the Cline River development proposal was first brought forward, a preliminary disclosure was agreed to. The plans were drawn up, and these plans had certain conditions laid out which expressed certain conditions which were of concern to the various departments, including the Department of Environment and fish and wildlife. In the meetings that have proceeded since that time, these concerns have been dealt with on an ongoing basis. The plans are being modified to accommodate the conditions as laid out by the various departments.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question. Just so there's no misunderstanding in the minister's