

like to correct the mistaken impression left by the hon. member. I found the Liberals of Alberta very warm and cordial.

**Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** All three of them?

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

**Mr. Buchanan:** Mr. Speaker, I had sent a telegram to the chiefs of Treaty Seven indicating that I would be happy to meet with them and suggested it would be preferable that we meet in Ottawa.

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[Translation]

#### SOCIAL SECURITY

##### POSSIBILITY OF GRANTING OLD AGE PENSION TO SPOUSE OF RECIPIENT OF PENSION

**Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. As he is absent I will put it to his parliamentary secretary.

Could he tell the House when he will be able to announce that a husband or a wife will receive a pension similar to that of his or her spouse?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Coast Chilcotin—

**Mr. Allard:** Mr. Speaker, I repeat my question because I notice that the minister has returned.

Could the minister tell the House when the government will be in a position to grant the old age pension to the pensioner's spouse?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, this question has already been replied to. It will be done in October 1975.

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#### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

##### DATE WHEN REDISTRIBUTION LEGISLATION WILL AGAIN BE DEBATED

**Mr. Jack Pearsall (Coast Chilcotin):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the President of the Privy Council. In view of the filibuster on the redistribution bill last night, can the minister indicate when that bill will be brought forward again?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of Privy Council):** As soon as I have some indication that progress is desired on the other side, Mr. Speaker.

#### Oral Questions

##### GRAIN

##### EFFECT OF GRAIN INSPECTOR'S STRIKE ON CANADA'S REPUTATION AS GRAIN SUPPLIER—GOVERNMENT ACTION

**Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey-Simcoe):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the minister in charge of the Canadian Wheat Board. The most recent stoppage of grain movements caused by the unfortunate circumstances of the grain handlers' strike in Vancouver, has cast shadows of doubt on Canada's international reputation as a grain supplier and also has given rise to uncertainties concerning future foreign commitments. Does the minister not consider that a second stoppage within two months will further damage Canada's reputation, especially in view of the widely publicized world food crisis. If so, what does the government intend to do about it?

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**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, we are always concerned about the problem of delivering grain on time. At present, negotiations are continuing in an effort to deal with the dispute in progress. In a number of areas within the grain handling system, either in the private area or in the area under government management, employees have the right to strike as part of the process. Where bargaining fails and where, as in this case, employees do not want to accept the recommendations even of the majority report, that right is available to them under the law. That brings certain consequences for the grain industry and, in certain cases, for other individuals. Nobody can put forward easy alternatives for dealing with labour difficulties when the collective bargaining process does not achieve agreement.

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#### AGRICULTURE

##### BEEF CATTLE—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON GOVERNMENT MEASURES TO AID PRODUCERS

**Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Agriculture. When, if ever, will the minister make a statement, in accordance with the request of the prairie ministers of agriculture, about the problems cattlemen are facing? Will he make it before cattlemen unload their cattle even at today's depressed prices or does he intend to sit this one out like an old maid at a ball?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, I did not hear the last part of the hon. member's question, although I think I know what he said. I am certainly aware of the different provincial programs which are in effect. We had a meeting with the prairie ministers of agriculture a week ago yesterday and discussed with them what we ought to be doing. We met with the NFU and talked with the CFA about what we ought to be doing, and I hope we will come up with a good program for the producers concerned.

**Mr. Korchinski:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. What plans has the minister to save the land which was seeded to grass at an expense of some \$40 million two or