

*Oral Questions*

**Mr. Marcel Ostiguy (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture):** Madam Speaker, farmers in eastern Canada, both in Quebec and in the maritime provinces, have filed applications with the Agricultural Stabilization Board and those applications are now being reviewed by the board and the Canadian Horticultural Council. Studies are not quite complete but I dare hope that in the very near future we will be able to announce in the House a stabilization program for potato growers in eastern Canada.

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[English]

**CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD**

## DISTRIBUTION OF QUOTAS

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville):** Madam Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Transport who answers for the Wheat Board. I am sure the minister is aware of the ridiculously low wheat quota on CPR shipping blocs, particularly in the province of Alberta, some 2.9 bushels, while quotas on neighbouring CN blocs are some nine bushels to the acre, which violates the spirit and principle of equity. I wonder whether the Minister of Transport would consider prevailing upon his colleague in the other place to take immediate action to alleviate this very inequitable situation?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport):** Madam Speaker, I will certainly bring that to the attention of the Minister of State for the Canadian Wheat Board.

**Mr. Mazankowski:** Madam Speaker, I would ask the Minister of Transport if he would consider asking the minister in charge of the Wheat Board to recommend an immediate quota adjustment; and if that is not available perhaps he might consider the movement of grain to CN lines if CP lines are going to continue to be congested.

**Mr. Pepin:** Madam Speaker, I am absolutely sure that the Minister of State for the Wheat Board, if he has proof that there is an injustice in the distribution of quotas in this particular area, will move very, very rapidly to correct it.

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**WAR MEASURES ACT**

## INVOCATION IN 1970—REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF DOCUMENTATION

**Hon. Allan Lawrence (Durham-Northumberland):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the Right Hon. Prime Minister. The FLQ crisis occurred well over ten years ago. Other governments and other agencies of other governments are now releasing detailed information respecting the FLQ crisis. The French press and now the English press are almost daily making accusations and allegations about certain people relating to that affair. The then minister of justice, one John Turner, whom I am sure the Prime Minister will remember,

said ten years ago that when the full facts of the FLQ crisis are known in this House, the government's use of the War Measures Act will be fully justified. In view of all this, does the Prime Minister not now think it is about time, ten years after the event, for the mass of documentation under his control to be released to the public at large?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Madam Speaker, I believe the hon. member has asked that question before and has had my answer. I stated at the time and I have stated since that the decisions of the government, on which this House voted, including the hon. member's party, were based on facts which were published and which were known. I still stand by that statement. If he believes he can get more information from my friend John Turner, I would be happy to give him Mr. Turner's phone number and to have Mr. Turner state all the facts within his knowledge.

**Mr. Lawrence:** Madam Speaker, because I suspect that the Prime Minister knows there are now other people in this chamber who know of documentation and files in the control of the Privy Council Office, in the control of the Solicitor General and under the control of the RCMP, which by not being released provide a cover-up of monumental bungling of the right hon. member in this House—and I do not make that charge lightly—I wonder if it really is not time for the Prime Minister to review some of this mass of documentation and this mass of files to let the Canadian public know really what some of those decisions were based upon.

**An hon. Member:** Come clean.

**Mr. Trudeau:** Madam Speaker, I want to remind the hon. member that this government has been seeking passage of the freedom of information legislation since the Speech from the Throne, and I understand there is an agreement among House leaders to expedite at least second reading tomorrow, thanks to the co-operation of all parties. Very soon we hope that legislation will become law, and if the hon. member thinks there are documents available which sustain his suspicions, he will be perfectly entitled to ask for them.

As to the monumental bungling accusation, I wish the hon. member could substantiate that. I repeat—and I think the facts are well known to Canadians—that in the period of years preceding 1970 there had been some 100 incidents of train derailments, robberies of arsenals, attacks on gun shops, kidnappings, murders and assassinations. I would point out to the hon. member that there was at that time a government in power which was not prepared to hand power over to a parallel government of unelected people, and that has meant there has been no violence in Canada since then. I think the hon. member should want to share in the credit for that because his party was responsible for our bringing in the War Measures Act.