

fleet is tied up. In fact, the number of boats being tied up is increasing every day. There is a problem.

Let me say again that there have been no lost sales or shipment of grain to the Russians to date because of their inability to pay freight on Canadian grain purchased on Canadian credit. I am aware of what has been going on as far as the Americans are concerned. We are very competitive with the Americans.

I point out that we are the first country to sign a long-term grain sales agreement with the Russians. We did that back at the end of February when President Yeltsin was here. Again, the Wheat Board is dealing with Export Khleb on a continuing basis and has had very good results as far as sales commitments are concerned.

To suggest that we are going to solve all of our problems with the Russians by extending them credit for freight certainly is not going to solve all of their problems.

With regard to what we are doing, we are going to be meeting with the Great Lakes shippers in Winnipeg at the Wheat Board next week. We have also decided to convene some meetings with the shippers to see what we can do to address the over-all problems.

We do not find ourselves in the situation that the member raises.

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CALGARY AIRPORT

Mr. Alex Kindy (Calgary Northeast): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport.

When the Conference on North Atlantic Assembly was being held in Banff from May 14 to May 18, the international airport in Calgary was flying the flags of the participating nations, including the flag of the former Soviet Union and the old flag of communist Bulgaria.

I advised the manager of the airport that the Soviet Union has ceased to exist, that the flags of Ukraine, Byelorussia, Russia and the Baltic States should have been there and that the flag of the Soviet Union ceased to exist many months ago. The manager said that he did not receive orders from Ottawa to remove the flags. They are still there.

Oral Questions

When is the minister going to order the airport management to remove those flags?

Hon. Shirley Martin (Minister of State (Transport)): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member took his complaint to the manager of the airport where it rightly belonged.

I was not aware that those flags were flying, but I will contact the manager.

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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Ms. Mary Clancy (Halifax): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Justice.

Sixty per cent of women murdered in Ontario, we now know, are murdered by their partners. Obviously the Minister of Justice is aware that peace bonds and restraining orders are ineffective in protecting women in their homes.

Will the minister indicate to the House today what action plan the Government of Canada has to stem this tide of death and to replace what is clearly an outmoded procedure?

Hon. Kim Campbell (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member raises a very good but somewhat complex question. She will know that the firearms legislation which was passed by the House contained a provision requiring the possibility of a prohibition order for firearms to be considered in all applications for bail or peace bond hearings, the hope being that firearms can be taken out of those very, very dangerous situations.

Arising out of the National Conference on Women, Law and the Administration of Justice in June 1991, there is a federal-provincial-territorial task force addressing the question of the workings of the system of the administration of justice with respect to women.

There is an action plan coming forward that will be presented to me and my provincial colleagues at our national meeting in October. We had hoped to meet in May. Many of my colleagues are involved in the constitutional discussions. That meeting is scheduled for October.

That will enable us to have included in our action plan the results of the interim report of the blue ribbon panel on violence against women. We are approaching this very serious question in a serious and systematic way.