

Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker, I would hope later today. The tender period was extended because a number of firms complained that seven days was insufficient time to ascertain the information they would need to make a tender—that is today, to make arrangements with overseas buyers and so on. Therefore we extended the date for closing the tenders until noon today, February 22. I hope that within a very few hours we will be able to announce who the successful tenderer is.

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MANPOWER

PLANS FOR PROVISION OF SUMMER EMPLOYMENT FOR STUDENTS—GRANT TO SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR CONFERENCE

Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Can the minister state whether a grant has been given to the Canadian Council of Social Development to stage a conference on student employment, as requested? While I am on my feet, may I ask the minister when we can expect a statement from him on student employment for the summer?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, no decision has been taken on these matters. We do, of course, hope that before very long we may be able to announce our decision.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I believe the hon. member for South Western Nova has a supplementary to the previous question.

Mr. Comeau: No, Mr. Speaker, but the minister did not answer my question. I should like to ask him when we may expect a statement on this summer's student employment picture.

Mr. Lang: That is the question I answered, Mr. Speaker.

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AGRICULTURE

EXPORT OF BROILER CHICKENS—EXTENSION OF TENDER CLOSING DATE

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, I do not know how you could possibly mistake me for the hon. member for South Western Nova, but I have a supplementary for the Minister of Agriculture. I should like to ask the minister whether the tendering time was extended for one week because the original tenders were too high?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): No, Mr. Speaker. The reason for the extension was that a number of people involved in the trade indicated to us that seven days was insufficient time for them to contact overseas buyers, arrange for shipping, and then to put in a tender. Tenders were called on the basis of the difference

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between the price in Canada and the relationship of that factor to the cost of getting the broilers to the overseas market.

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WHEAT—INQUIRY AS TO IMPLEMENTATION OF TWO-PRICE SYSTEM

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Agriculture. Can the minister inform the House whether the government has yet made a decision on the implementation of a two-price system for wheat, and can we expect a statement on this in the near future?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, the minister responsible for the Wheat Board answered a similar question a little earlier today.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

DOCKYARD EMPLOYEES WAGE DISPUTE—INTERVENTION OF INDUSTRY SPECIALIST—AMENDMENT OF OFFER TO REMOVE DISPARITY

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Labour. In view of the fact that the offer made by Treasury Board to the east and west coast dockyard workers increases the disparity in wages between these two groups, and since the offer has been rejected by an almost 100 per cent vote of the workers, can the minister advise whether or not there has been any request for the assignment of an industry specialist in this area, or if the minister has been holding consultations with the President of the Treasury Board with a view to correcting the offer so that it will not increase the disparity in wages?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, past experience indicates to me that the President of the Treasury Board is quite capable of looking after collective bargaining in the Public Service and does not need advice from the Minister of Labour.

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the minister would advise the President of the Treasury Board that it is poor labour practice to offer the top wage suggested in a majority report to one group and the bottom wage suggested in a minority report to another group?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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MANPOWER

RETRAINING PROGRAM—DISCUSSION OF INCREASE IN FACILITIES WITH PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS

Mr. Doug Rowland (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In