

speaks for itself. When the government feels that an announcement of its policy now under consideration should be made, it will be made. I am sure it will please my hon. friend.

GRAIN

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON NEGOTIATIONS RESPECTING INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Trade and Commerce. In view of the self imposed deadline of March 31 having been reached with no announcement from Geneva concerning the future price of wheat under the international wheat agreement, is the minister in a position to indicate whether negotiations have bogged down or is the government still optimistic about a 32 cent increase in the price of wheat?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I have no comment to make regarding the 32 cents, which is a figure unknown to me. I think the suggestion regarding the March 31 deadline may be somewhat in error. The agreed terminating date for the current cereals negotiations at Geneva is April 30.

Mr. Korchinski: Mr. Speaker, I did not suggest that it was the terminating date. All reports in the press indicated that the negotiators had set this particular, termination date for the negotiations on wheat, and that the future—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. There is a difference of opinion between the minister and the hon. member which we should not attempt to resolve just now.

SPORTS

NANCY GREENE—SUGGESTED RECOGNITION FOR WINNING WOMEN SKIERS' WORLD CUP

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I rise with great national and parochial pride to bring to the attention of this house a matter of national significance. In view of the great achievement of Miss Nancy Greene, of Rossland in Kootenay West, in having won the first world cup for women skiers, to the delight of all Canadians, has consideration been given by the government to proclaiming her the centennial athletes'

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queen for Canada, or to some other recognition such as Canada's centennial champion athlete?

Hon. Paul Martin (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am going to ask my colleague the Minister of National Health and Welfare to reply to this question. Before doing so may I say on behalf of all of us in the house that I am glad to see the hon. member for Grey North still in his seat, and I should like to extend to his seatmate, the hon. member for Humboldt-Melville-Tisdale, our warmest congratulations—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Martin (Essex East):—on being selected whip of a rapidly reducing group on the other side of the chamber.

Mr. Eric A. Winkler (Grey-Bruce): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege to make a brief correction. My constituency is Grey-Bruce, not Grey North.

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, may I thank the hon. member for bringing to the attention of the house the remarkable achievement of Miss Nancy Greene in winning the world cup and thus establishing herself as the top woman skier in the world. She has generated the admiration of Canadians from coast to coast, and this feat certainly will be regarded as one of the most outstanding performances by an individual in the long history of amateur sport in Canada.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. MacEachen: In paying tribute to Miss Greene I wish also to express my congratulations to all members of our national ski team. Canada's level of performance in world skiing is on the ascent, and this year's team has made a notable contribution.

With respect to the specific and important point raised by the hon. member concerning a suitable award for Miss Greene, I should like to mention that some time ago the national advisory council on fitness and amateur sport undertook to consider the question of suitable awards for outstanding amateur athletes in Canada. That proposal has been approved in principle and within a very short time a special committee of the council will be meeting to determine the final details of such an award. Naturally Miss Greene would rank high on any list of possible candidates for such an award.