

action as I and the Minister of Justice have already indicated.

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GRAIN

PROPOSAL THAT AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE TRAVEL TO OBTAIN VIEWS OF FARMERS ON BILL C-141

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the minister responsible for the Wheat Board. Because of widespread confusion in western Canada with regard to Bill C-141, the grain stabilization bill, introduced into the House not long ago, can the hon. gentleman assure us that the Agriculture Committee, if it wishes to do so upon completion of second reading, will be allowed to travel into western Canada to hear the views of farmers directly in the three prairie provinces?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): I do not think I would accede to that request on the basis that there was any confusion, but I would be glad to discuss the matter with the leader of the House on the basis of more general principles.

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AIR TRANSPORT

ALLEGED DANGER IN USE OF FRENCH LANGUAGE IN AIR TO GROUND COMMUNICATIONS IN QUEBEC

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, a question for the Acting Prime Minister. According to the International Air Agreement, English is the universal language of communication between ground and air in take-offs and landings. In view of the fact that the Canadian Air Pilots Association has issued a statement condemning the use of French in air-ground communications in Quebec as being dangerous to the travelling public, leading to potential disaster, why has this practice been permitted? Will the Acting Prime Minister take steps to ensure that this policy is discontinued?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will take this serious question as notice and try to provide an answer tomorrow.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

INVESTIGATION INTO SEAFARERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION BY MINISTER OF JUSTICE—REQUEST FOR REPORT

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Justice. It is related to the SIU and charges imputing violence, intimidation, black-listing and so on. Last Monday the Prime Minister indicated that the Department of Justice was considering whether a broad, sweeping inquiry should be invoked. My question is: has the minister reached a decision as to whether the Ontario government, its police and the municipal government, are able to

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conduct this inquiry themselves or whether it is an area where the federal government should step in? If the government has reached a decision, what is it?

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Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, some further information related to this question has come into my hands and I will be having discussions with some of my colleagues in the very near future with a view to seeing what further steps should be taken.

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LABOUR CONDITIONS

SUGGESTED INQUIRY UNDER CANADA LABOUR CODE INTO ACTIONS OF SEAFARERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Labour. The minister knows that under section 196 he can take initiatives in order to instigate an inquiry to bring about industrial peace, which I think we can all appreciate is required at this time. Would the minister advise whether under the Canada Labour Code he and the Minister of Justice will look into the possibility of such an inquiry and, if so, is he personally involved in an attempt to reach a decision with the Minister of Justice?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I believe the Minister of Justice was referring to his colleagues when he said that he would undertake certain consultations on the basis of information he has now received. This type of consultative process has not yet taken place. If it should indicate, in a hypothetical situation, that further action is required—I cannot say whether it is required at this stage—I think the Labour Code is one option to which we can resort.

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EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

SUGGESTION CORPORATION STOP FINANCING CONTRACTS CONTAINING CLAUSE BOYCOTTING TRADE WITH ISRAEL

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce I have a question for the Acting Prime Minister. Will the government have the Export Development Corporation immediately stop guaranteeing or otherwise financing contracts involving sales to Arab countries by certain Canadian firms, knowing that these contracts contain terms whereby these firms agree to abide by provisions of the Arab boycott and not trade with Israel? Does he realize that if this is not done it could appear that an agency of the federal government is condoning the acceptance of the Arab boycott by certain Canadian firms, which would mar the generally constructive record of achievement by the Export Development Corporation over the years?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I begin by saying to my hon. friend that the government is extremely concerned about this matter. My