

*Oral Questions*

sion and the very disturbing implications of this report, will the minister table it forthwith in the House?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I will note the hon. member's representations.

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**AGRICULTURE****BEEF CATTLE—SUGGESTED AVERAGING OF FLOOR PRICE EVERY SIX MONTHS**

**Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Agriculture whether he or his department have considered the possibility of averaging the floor price for beef cattle, which he started on August 12, 1974, every six months rather than yearly?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, we looked at that suggestion and decided such a program would be so hard to administer it would be impossible to put into place.

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**INCOME TAX****REQUEST FOR DELAY IN IMPLEMENTARY NON-DEDUCTIBILITY PROVISION FOR OIL ROYALTIES—GOVERNMENT POSITION**

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the winking Minister of Finance whether he has received a telegram from Premier Blakeney requesting "a delay in the passage of the portion of the income tax bill dealing with non-deductibility of royalties until after the first ministers' conference"? In view of the premier's desire to seek an accommodation, I should like to ask the minister whether he is considering that very reasonable suggestion?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, in the last two days I have been out in Vancouver and I have not seen this particular telegram. I think we have to look at the request with both eyes open, and I do not think it is cause for change.

**Mr. Nystrom:** Mr. Speaker, in view of the minister's answer, I should like to ask whether he is not now ready to accept or consider that proposal to delay proclaiming this clause until after the first ministers' conference, again in the interest of confederation and unity?

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, we dealt with this in the committee of the whole during the debate on the income tax bill. At that time I said the answer was no and I repeat it now before the whole House.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

[Mr. O'Sullivan.]

[Translation]

**AGRICULTURE****IMPORT CONTROLS ON POULTRY FROM UNITED STATES—GOVERNMENT POSITION**

**Mr. Claude Wagner (Saint-Hyacinthe):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

Since our poultry producers are so literally outraged by massive US chicken imports that this morning in Saint-Damase, in the beautiful riding of Saint-Hyacinthe, some of them set fire to shipments from the United States, can the minister, in cooperation with his colleague the Minister of Agriculture, assure that Canadian consumers, and Quebec consumers in particular, will not be the victims once again at the retail price level of that new war between American and Canadian producers.

**Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to talk it over with my colleague the Minister of Agriculture.

**Mr. Wagner:** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary for the Minister of Agriculture. Considering that our poultry slaughter houses are importing increasing amounts of US chickens to remedy their shortages of fresh chicken, and considering also that the Poultry Producers' Federation is prepared to increase the quotas of our own producers in the event of better control over chicken imports, can the minister state his policy on that, and more particularly could he tell the House whether he intends to intervene, first, at the import level and, second, at the level of his provincial counterparts to develop with them a policy that would be more favourable to our own producers of fresh chicken?

[English]

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, contrary to what was said in the House yesterday, the poultry stocks are not higher than last year. Actually, they are a little bit lower. The poultry producers have organized themselves, without any national marketing agency, in respect of controls and cut-backs to the extent of 10 per cent in production. They have agreed to that. Without any real guarantee of supply management in respect of such an agency, there is very little I could do as far as controlling imports from another country, at least without getting into what the hon. member has suggested, another so-called trade war.

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**HOUSING****MONITORING OF REDUCTION IN SALES TAX ON BUILDING MATERIALS—REQUEST FOR REPORT**

**Miss Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands):** Mr. Speaker, since the minister of State for Urban Affairs has stated it was his intention to monitor the reduction of sales tax on building materials to see that the saving is passed along to the consumer, will he tell the House how this is planned and when it will take effect so we do not have a repetition of the monitoring of the removal of the