

the results of the report instead of having a hanging first and having the trial later.

Our official has met in Washington with officials of the FDA. He was the only person there who was not an official within the FDA. We have done a preliminary analysis of the FDA report which shows essentially the same data as we found with studies that were done by the Department of National Health and Welfare and the University of Ottawa earlier.

Ms. Joy Langan (Mission—Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, that would suggest to me that the FDA's report has collaborated those two reports that this minister continues to ignore.

At the same time as we have this kind of information from the FDA, the minister and his department are still circulating documents to Canadians saying that these implants are safe. I would ask the minister to withdraw these documents immediately.

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Hon. Perrin Beatty (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, possibly the hon. member is not aware of the two studies that were done, one by my own department and one by the University of Ottawa.

They found that no American threat was posed by the Meme breast implant. If the hon. member would like a full briefing with regard to either of those studies—they are on the public record—we would be prepared to make this information available to the hon. member or to any other hon. member in the House.

The key concern here is very simple. Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the hon. member who asked the question might listen.

The key concern is simply this. Our responsibility on all sides of this House is to protect the health and safety of Canadians. If, based on scientific information, there is any reason to justify the withdrawal of a medical device from the market, the government will do so. However, that action has to be based on scientific evidence.

Oral Questions

TRADE

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister for International Trade.

Next month Canadian farmers will be facing a flood of low quality U.S. grain coming into the country, costing Canadian producers millions of dollars. At the same time, the United States is using its Export Enhancement Program to steal Canadian markets overseas and to drive down world prices.

In view of the fact that it is violating the spirit of the FTA with regard to the Export Enhancement Program, is the minister prepared to hold up the access to Canadian markets of U.S. grains until the United States starts meeting its obligations under the free trade deal with regard to export subsidies?

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister, President of the Privy Council and Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member is being somewhat premature in his conclusion.

The preliminary data has just been exchanged between the two countries. It is still being worked upon. Unless he has some news that I do not have, there has been no decision made. We will have to await the calculations, and then see what happens. There has been no indication that the Canadian border would be open to American wheat at this particular time.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. Denis Pronovost (St. Maurice): Mr. Speaker, more than five weeks ago, Justice Rouleau handed down his decision recognizing federal government authority to hold a referendum on the governance question at Kanesatake.

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Can the Minister of Indian Affairs tell us today whether he is prepared to announce the holding of a referendum for the people of Kanesatake very soon?