

### Oral Questions

later this day, will the minister assure the House that the federal government will respond to this provincial initiative and take action that will put off completion of the takeover bid until consultation has taken place between the federal government and the government of Manitoba?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. It seems to me that the question asked by the hon. member is at least partly hypothetical and can be considered as a representation. Perhaps we might be allowed to go to the next question.

**Mr. Broadbent:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, as this takeover bid affects in a serious way a couple of thousand employees and as another government in Canada, the government of Manitoba, is concerned about the takeover, I wonder, notwithstanding the improper phrasing of the question, if the minister, who got the sense of the question, could be permitted to answer?

**Mr. Andras:** Mr. Speaker, again I confirm that a few minutes before the question period my information was that we had not received such representations from the government of Manitoba, but I most certainly will recheck that and in the event that is the case we will certainly respond. I could not make an unequivocal commitment to stop this acquisition because Bill C-132 is not yet law. I am encouraged however, as I think the hon. member might be, to note that the principals are voluntarily submitting their detailed proposals to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and are prepared to consult and, I hope, to be influenced by the response.

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[Translation]

### INDIAN AFFAIRS

#### CAUGHNAWAGA RESERVE—DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN NATIVES AND WHITE PEOPLE

**Mr. René Matte (Champlain):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the hon. Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Could he advise the House of the steps he will take concerning the serious problems which the Mohawk Indians and the white people are facing in Caughnawaga?

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, this morning, I met Chief Kirby of the Caughnawaga Reserve. Under the Indian Act, the Indian people on this reserve, like those on any other reserve for that matter, have the right to pass bylaws concerning non-Indians living on the reserve. This is exactly what the council intends to do. They intend to pass this bylaw which will become effective within 40 days. If people believe it is not fair they could appeal to courts. It is impossible for me under the circumstances to act like a judge in this matter.

**Mr. Matte:** Has the minister received complaints from young Indians who, with the support of older ones, would disapprove entirely of the band council which they would consider a creature of the federal government?

[Mr. Broadbent.]

**Mr. Chrétien:** Mr. Speaker, it is the elected council of Caughnawaga which is recognized by the federal government under the Indian Act. The hereditary chiefs do not enjoy such status under the law. Some provisions of the act would enable them to exercise efficient control were they in majority within the Caughnawaga band, but apparently this is not so at the present time.

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[English]

### GRAIN

#### WHEAT—DELIVERIES NOT YET MADE UNDER CONTRACTS WITH U.S.S.R. AND CHINA

**Mr. Doug Neil (Moose Jaw):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the minister in charge of the Wheat Board. Have all deliveries been made under the long-term, low-price wheat contracts with the U.S.S.R. and China and, if not, how much grain remains to be delivered?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, all the grain has long ago been delivered on the contracts which were entered into during the low-price periods, but there are still some deliveries being made on the contracts entered into after prices rose to a significant degree.

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### FISHERIES

#### REASON FOR EMBARGO ON EXPORT OF FISHMEAL

**Mr. Charles E. Haliburton (South Western Nova):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of the Environment and Fisheries. It relates to the production of fishmeal. In view of the fact that during the past couple of years Canada has produced several times the amount of fishmeal consumed domestically, will the minister advise as to the motivation of the government in placing a virtual embargo on exports of that product?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The minister may reply briefly to the question and he will be given the floor for that purpose, but normally that kind of information is given to the House by way of a statement on motions.

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries):** Mr. Speaker, it was to ensure that Canadian resources are used to produce jobs in Canada rather than in other countries.

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### REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

#### CANCELLATION OF SUBSIDY ON BUILDING OF SMALL SHIPS—EFFECT ON EMPLOYMENT IN COASTAL PROVINCES

**Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. It relates to the announcement last month by the Minister of the Environment with regard to the cancellation of the shipbuilding subsidy on ships of up to 75 feet in length. The minister stated this would not have