

AGRICULTURE

REPORTED DELAYS IN PROCESSING MILK SUBSIDY PAYMENTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Revelstoke): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Agriculture. In his absence the minister's parliamentary secretary might have an answer. Will the minister inquire into the recurrent delays in processing milk subsidy payments to dairy farmers, delays which cause acute difficulties to those farmers who have payments of their own to meet?

Mr. Bruce S. Beer (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Agriculture I will be happy to bring this matter to the attention of the department and provide an answer for the hon. member.

EXPO '67

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON FEDERAL INVOLVEMENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Last week the minister indicated to me that he would shortly be making a statement on the financial affairs in so far as Expo '67 is concerned. I wonder when we might expect this statement.

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I have been discussing this matter with the officials of Expo '67. I hope shortly to be able to make a statement. It will be in an unaudited form, but I presume that will be acceptable to the hon. member.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

QUEBEC—INQUIRY AS TO ARREST OF KILLERS OF POLICEMAN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. D. Alkenbrack (Prince Edward-Lennox): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Solicitor General. Early in the month of January Detective C. R. Jeary was murdered, while on duty, by bank robbers who were thwarted by him in their plan to rob a bank in Greenfield Park, province of Quebec. Can the Solicitor General tell the house whether these murderers have been apprehended?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question should be placed on the order paper.

Inquiries of the Ministry HEALTH AND WELFARE

PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION TO PARENTS OF THALIDOMIDE CHILDREN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the fact that the manufacturer of thalidomide in Great Britain has announced that it will pay compensation to the families of children born deformed as a result of the use of that drug, will the minister take up with the Canadian manufacturer the possibility of its paying compensation in a similar way to Canadian families?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps the hon. member would also want to put that question on the order paper.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

VIET NAM—INQUIRY AS TO ASSISTANCE FOR SICK AND WOUNDED

On the orders of the day:

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, but in the minister's absence I direct it to his parliamentary secretary. In view of the very heavy civilian casualties in Viet Nam and the need for massive and immediate hospital facilities and medical supplies, will the government take emergency action to help the sick and wounded in this disaster area?

[Translation]

Mr. Gérard Pelletier (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I shall take this question as notice and I will refer it to the minister.

[English]

NATIONAL DEFENCE

REQUEST FOR MEETING TO DISCUSS SUMMERSIDE BASE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David MacDonald (Prince): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of National Defence. Could the minister tell the house whether he received this morning telegrams from the premier of Prince Edward Island and the mayor of the town of Summerside requesting an urgent meeting with himself and other cabinet ministers later this week?