

Inquiries of the Ministry

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of the correspondence to which the hon. member refers. Perhaps he could let me know what he is referring to and I could consider the question.

Mr. Orlikow: May I ask the Prime Minister whether he will discuss the matter with his colleague? That would be much easier.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION—CANADIAN VOTE ON APPLICATION OF GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC FOR ADMISSION**

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs if he could advise how the Canadian delegation to the World Health Organization voted on the application for admission from the German Democratic Republic, and could he indicate the reason or reasons for the stand taken?

[Translation]

Mr. Gaston Isabelle (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I take note of the question.

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[English]

CRIMINAL CODE**ALLEGED DEVELOPMENT OF SUITABLE BREATH CONTAINER FOR INDEPENDENT TESTING—POSSIBLE PROCLAMATION OF ALL BREATHALYZER SECTIONS**

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Justice. As a breath sample container for independent testing of suspected impaired drivers is now on the market, will the government be proclaiming the unproclaimed parts of the breathalyzer law and, if so, when?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I have seen the news report to which I am sure the hon. member is referring. There is work going on as a result of the department's interest in a breath container, and several possible containers are being examined. There have been some optimistic forecasts about this equipment being available. It is our intention, as soon as the equipment is available in a way which is practical and workable, to proclaim the section.

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[Translation]

AGRICULTURE**SUBSIDY PAYMENTS TO PORK PRODUCERS—TIME LIMIT FOR APPLICATIONS**

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Agriculture.

[Mr. Orlikow.]

Following the statement made yesterday concerning deficiency payments to hog producers, may I ask the Minister of Agriculture whether a time limit has been set so that producers who have sold their hogs at public auctions may receive this grant?

• (1510)

[English]

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member is talking about the receipt of applications by the Stabilization Board, may I say we certainly would like to have them as quickly as possible and in fact encouraged them to be submitted by a date several weeks ago. If he is talking about the processing of the applications after they have been received, we cannot give a set date because we must audit those applications against the receipts by plants and auction markets, and I cannot predict how long that will take.

[Translation]

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a supplementary.

Would the Minister of Agriculture indicate whether producers must forward their applications in a specific period of time, because his statement could prompt many producers to apply. So, are they going to be considered late—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member has asked his question, and there are only a few minutes left before the end of the oral questions period.

[English]

Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker, we take the position that those applications should be in now, but the more precise answer is no, there has not been an official cut-off date for receipt of applications.

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DOMINION DAY**ALLEGED INTENTION TO CHANGE TO CANADA DAY—NUMBER OF LETTERS PRO AND CON**

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister regarding the government's intention to change Dominion Day to Canada Day. I wonder, for the edification of the people, if the Prime Minister can indicate how many letters he has received pro and con? If he does not have that information, would he make inquiries?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member is obviously asking for statistical information. The question ought to be placed on the order paper. If the matter is urgent, it can be raised at the time of adjournment.

Mr. Alexander: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, it appears to me there is a sense of urgency about this matter in view of a question that was asked this afternoon and the statement made by the Prime Minister earlier. I believe that the Prime Minister could give some indication whether—