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between themselves, and this solution was offered. The wife and husband both gave their consent and the two doctors were in agreement. I believe that is normal practice, a practice that is not incompatible with the freedom of individuals to make similar choices.

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Following the study made by officers of his Department on sterilization, could the Minister tell us if sterilization is preferable to abortion which is so much appreciated by our friends of the NDP?

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AIRPORTS**TORONTO—MEASURES TO RELIEVE OVERCROWDING OF FACILITIES AND TRAFFIC CONGESTION**

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport but in his absence I should like to direct it to the Acting Minister or the Parliamentary Secretary. Has the minister's department any immediate plans to deal with the serious overcrowding of counter facilities, parking facilities and the congestion of people and automobile traffic at the Toronto international airport?

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport): In the absence of the minister, Mr. Speaker, I should like to take the question as notice.

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LABOUR RELATIONS**NOVA SCOTIA FISHERMEN—FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION IN APPEAL COURT CASE**

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Justice or the Minister of Labour. Will the government of Canada be represented a week today when the appeal division of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia meets to consider constitutional questions involving labour relations of fishermen?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I should like to answer that question at a later date. Whether the government would intervene at this stage before the Court of Appeal of Nova Scotia or at a subsequent hearing is something I have not had an opportunity to discuss with my colleagues.

Mr. McCleave: Mr. Speaker, may I present a supplementary question to the minister for an answer at the same time. Will the government, when the announcement is made, indicate whether it will decide to accept the findings of the court? I ask this question because time is somewhat of the essence when dealing with long drawn-out labour problems such as this.

[Mr. Chrétien.]

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I do not think I can make any commitment as to the acceptance or not of the findings or judgment of the court until we see the judgment.

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AGRICULTURE**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CANADIAN FIRM IN SALE OF RUSSIAN FARM EQUIPMENT**

Mr. Rod Thomson (Battleford-Kindersley): My question is for the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Speaker. In view of the difficulties that a Canadian firm is having in selling Russian farm equipment in Canada, has the government been requested or is it considering offering financial help to the said firm?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I have had some letters and other communications in respect of the financing of some of these tractors in the normal or ordinary way that other imported tractors are financed for the farmers of Canada. We have had some discussions with the Department of Finance, but no consideration is being given to any special financing, only in the normal way under programs such as the Farm Improvement Loans Act so that the application to these equipment sales will be equal to other imported goods.

FARM MACHINERY PRICES—ACTION BASED ON BARBER COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the high farm machinery prices as pointed out by the Barber Commission report, can the minister indicate what action the government has been taking in accordance with the recommendations of that report?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would be happy to but there would not be time at this stage of the proceedings to make a detailed statement on what has been done.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I was going to suggest to the minister that this is the kind of information which ought to be given by way of a statement on motions.

Mr. Nystrom: Mr. Speaker, will the minister be in a position to make a statement on motions within the next week?

Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker, nothing has transpired recently that would be news to the House. I could provide my hon. friend with a resumé of what has been done and what has been announced in the House from time to time.

FARM MACHINERY PRICES—LEGAL ACTION AGAINST MACHINERY COMPANIES

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In view of the apparent monopoly practices by certain machinery companies in this country