

Inquiries of the Ministry

processors? If he is aware of such action, will the minister indicate what steps the government is taking to stop this illogical and intolerable situation?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I am aware that some farmers and in fact one seed processor have been charged. I cannot agree with the assumption that it is an illogical process. I am sure it will be examined in the courts.

Mr. Thompson: Do I understand then that the determination of the Wheat Board to convict farmers under the Criminal Code is justified?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That kind of question is, of course, out of order on many counts.

Mr. Thompson: Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

[Later:]

POSITION OF CONTRACTS BETWEEN PRODUCERS AND PROCESSORS IN LIGHT OF PROSECUTIONS FOR OVERDELIVERY

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that certain growers of rapeseed and certain oil processing firms were encouraged to enter into contracts at the beginning of this crop year, and in view of the fact that under those contracts the firms are committed to take the total rapeseed production of individual farmers, is the Minister of Agriculture in a position to give the assurance that these contracts can be honoured and followed through?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, a fundamental principle of the whole quota system is to make sure that the market, however large or small it may be, is shared equitably among all producers in the area. Of course, that is the main consideration upon which the Canadian Wheat Board acts when it sees alleged violations of this principle.

Mr. Gleave: Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact the government has actively encouraged and indeed taken an active part in the transfer of rapeseed production from high to lower erucic acid, will the minister make an early statement on motions clarifying the point which has been raised here for both the processor and the producer?

Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker, the government has never taken the position that any kind of arrangements, contractual or otherwise, shall take precedence to the point of excluding all other producers who should have some access to the market under the quota system as well.

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DRUGS

MARIJUANA—STATEMENT BY HEALTH MINISTER OPPOSING LEGALIZING OF POSSESSION AND USE—GOVERNMENT POLICY

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister a question arising out of a speech the Minister of National Health and Wel-

[Mr. Thompson.]

fare made to students over the weekend in Hamilton, I believe, in which he opposed the legalization of possession and use of marijuana. Was he setting out government policy at that time?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I would have to take notice of what was actually in the speech before expressing an opinion on it.

VOTE AT UNITED NATIONS ON LEGALIZING POSSESSION AND USE OF MARIJUANA—REASON FOR ALLEGED CANADIAN ABSTENTION

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, may I ask one further question. Three days ago I asked the Secretary of State for External Affairs a question concerning whether Canada abstained in a special committee of the United Nations when there was a vote on the very question I have raised with the Prime Minister as to the right of possession and use of marijuana. Is the Prime Minister now able to answer that question in light of the fact that the Secretary of State for External Affairs has been away for two days?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I understood the minister, as did the hon. member, to say he would take notice of the question and look into it. The minister has been away for two days and I am sure the hon. member has also. It has been a long weekend.

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IMMIGRATION

REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION BY MINISTER OF CASES OF JAMES AND ALEX DONALD

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration of which I have given notice. Would the minister look into and hopefully intervene in the case of James Donald and Alex Donald, two Scottish immigrants living in Toronto who voluntarily came forward, disclosed their situation to the department and refused to take advantage of the right to appeal, which procedure could keep them in this country for years? As their wives and four children are involved and as they are hard-working people, would the minister personally look into the matter?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): The hon. member was courteous enough to give me advance notice. I can think of nothing that would give me more pleasure than nine more Scots in Canada as landed immigrants and future citizens, so I will personally intervene.