Inquiries of the Ministry HEALTH AND WELFARE

OTTAWA-HULL-QUALITY OF ABORTION PILLS IN DISTRIBUTION

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of National Health and Welfare and his parliamentary secretary may I direct my question to the Acting Prime Minister. Will he investigate whether abortion pills being dispensed in the Ottawa-Hull area have been given a certificate of quality by the Food and Drug Directorate?

Mr. Speaker: The Minister of Agriculture.

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Acting Prime Minister): While not familiar with these pills, Mr. Speaker-

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Hellyer: -I wish to say that I want to direct the question and its related allegation to the attention of the appropriate authorities.

GRAIN

USE OF COMMERCIAL DRYERS AT ELEVATOR POINTS

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I appreciate your recognizing me just now. I was going to reply to a question different from the one just asked.

An hon. Member: Coward.

Mr. Olson: I wish to answer some questions that were asked yesterday and, indeed, the day before yesterday concerning grain dryers in certain elevators. The questions were asked by the hon. member for Regina-Lake Centre (Mr. Benjamin) and the hon, member for Mackenzie (Mr. Korchinski). But by way of answer I wish to say that my information is that there is nothing in the board regulations to impede, restrict or in any way prevent the installation of grain dryers in country elevators. In most instances such installations are prevented by fire and insurance regulations which the companies do not choose to violate. Some companies have hired commercial dryers and some own their own dryers. In most instances these dryers are set up next to the elevator, with adjoining spouts. The Board of Grain Commissioners has no objection to these arrangements.

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

INFORMATION LEAKED TO PRESS BEFORE PRESENTATION IN HOUSE

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to diverse as this there is bound to be a certain [Mr. Laing (Vancouver South).]

direct a question to the Acting Prime Minister which has nothing to do with the matter we discussed previously. It arises from the fact that three government documents which parliament has been awaiting to receive have now been leaked to the press. I refer to the report of the task force on housing, the working papers for the constitutional conference, and information respecting the hazardous products bill. Will the Acting Prime Minister undertake to have these documents placed before the house immediately, so that parliament and the country will have the benefit of the full and official report instead of those selected portions leaked to the news media?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the hazardous products bill has been approved for introduction in the Senate. I can say that that will happen almost immediately. With respect to the report of the task force on housing, this will be presented to parliament just as soon as it is translated and printed. With respect to the other document the hon. gentleman mentioned, I do not know what in fact happened in that case. However I can assure my hon. friend that it is the position of the government and remains its position that it will produce those documents at the time of the dominion-provincial conference which, I think, would be under the appropriate circumstances. I am as anxious, naturally, as is my hon. friend to know where the information leak came from. Nevertheless it is the government's position that those papers will be produced at the time of the conference.

Mr. Stanfield: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. With regard to the report of the task force on housing—and my remarks apply equally to other reports and documents-may I ask whether it would not be appropriate for the government or the ministry concerned to withhold statements as to what would be in such report until it is placed before the house. Has the minister any comment to make about the obvious leak with regard to the report he proposes to lay before the house shortly?

Mr. Hellyer: Mr. Speaker, I think my hon. friend will find when he reads the report that some of the matters of greatest substance have not yet been disclosed.

Mr. Bell: They have not yet been leaked.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Hellyer: In a matter as complex and