

the government of Canada been in touch with the administration in the United States or the Ambassador of the United States in Canada and made any request along the line that the United States should, to the extent that protein foods are necessary, in particular the seeds that have been mentioned, exempt them from the order of the President?

**Mr. Whelan:** Mr. Speaker, we have been in consultation with our counterparts in the United States, but it would be presumptuous of me to say at this time exactly what representations were made or what the response was.

● (1430)

#### FEED GRAIN POLICY—ROLE OF WHEAT BOARD

**Mr. Jack Horner (Crowfoot):** Mr. Speaker, my question to the minister in charge of the Wheat Board is supplementary to that asked by the hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar. With regard to the suggested announcement of a feed grains policy, can the minister assure the House and the country that his interference in the Canadian Wheat Board will not undermine its authority?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, we had a long debate on this subject the other day in which the hon. member could not make up his mind whether he wanted me to interfere or not. I want to assure hon. members that the principle stands very firm that the commissioners of the Canadian Wheat Board under their act are bound to attempt to market grain in the best interests of the producers who deliver it to them. Any instructions that are given to the Canadian Wheat Board under the authority of the government of Canada are done by order in council as provided in the act, and this is done very exceptionally.

#### FEED GRAIN—POSSIBILITY OF POLICY STATEMENT BEFORE SUMMER RECESS—LEGISLATIVE ACTION

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary is to the minister in charge of the Wheat Board. Can he assure the House he will be making a statement before the House recesses, and will he also be introducing changes by legislation so the House can have a say rather than making changes by order in council?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, the first part of the hon. member's question depends, among other things, upon knowledge when the House will in fact adjourn. It is our expectation that we will be in a position before very long to make our decision known. The exact procedure we will follow depends on the last phases of discussions which we may choose to have with interested parties across the country who have made representations.

**Mr. Nystrom:** In view of the minister's evasive answers and the concern of the wheat pools and the farmers union, can the minister at least assure the House and the farmers of western Canada that the power now exercised by the Canadian Wheat Board in marketing feed grains will not be eroded in any sense?

#### Oral Questions

**Mr. Lang:** Mr. Speaker, I simply repeat that I do not intend to predict or forecast an announcement based on a decision that still has to be taken.

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[Translation]

#### REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

##### CIP PLANT IN TEMISCAMING—TEMBEC PROJECT—REQUEST FOR REPORT

**Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

Could he tell this House whether the government or his department has managed to have an agreement reached between the CIP of Temiscaming and the TEMBEC group? If so, can the minister say what subsidies have been granted to TEMBEC in order to help it acquire and operate this business?

[English]

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, as I indicated in the House yesterday, this matter has been virtually resolved. However, there are one or two contacts I have to make this afternoon. I hope to be able to make an announcement tomorrow containing the information the hon. member is seeking.

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#### GRAIN

##### FEED GRAINS—PRICE INCREASES—REQUEST THAT POSSIBLE ACTION WILL NOT AFFECT PRODUCERS ALONE

**Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the possibility of action being taken to halt the rising prices of protein supplement, and as the rise has been largely due to the depreciation of the Canadian dollar and price setting in the European Common Market, can the minister assure the western growers of feed supplements that any action will not be at their expense alone but will fall on the country as a whole?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, any action we would take would be assisted by all the people of Canada because the production of agricultural producers is not just for farmers but for all the people of Canada.

##### FEED GRAIN—SUGGESTED RESEARCH PROGRAM TO DETERMINE WHETHER DOGFISH CAN BE PROCESSED FOR USE AS PROTEIN SUPPLEMENT

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is to the Minister of Fisheries. Inasmuch as dogfish are the scourge of the ocean, particularly on the west coast, and are inedible for human consumption, will the minister seek ways and means of embarking upon a research program to see whether dogfish may be caught and processed as fish flour or in some other form as a