

*Oral Questions*

give passes to travel agencies. I know that some passes have been given. I regret that the hon. member for Hamilton West is not here, because I think he was one of the officials of Heritage Canada and he might tell us how he travelled.

**Mr. Brisco:** Mr. Speaker, without accepting the remarks of the Minister of Transport with regard to the hon. member for Hamilton West which I consider to be a low blow, I should like to ask the minister if he has some indication of the cost to the taxpayers of all these free passes.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Surely that information should be sought in another way.

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**NORTHERN AFFAIRS**

ISSUANCE OF CANADIAN CONTENT GUIDELINES FOR  
CONSTRUCTION OF PLANTS AND PIPELINES IN NORTHERN  
TERRITORIES—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In view of the fact that the Canadian government has a policy of Canadian content in respect of the construction of pipelines within Canada, has the government issued any Canadian content guidelines in connection with the plant construction and engineering services along these pipelines in the territories.

**Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Not that I am aware of, Mr. Speaker, but it is certainly something very pertinent. As the hon. member for Calgary Centre knows, we have been discussing this situation vis-à-vis Canadian participation in the department and with the oil companies involved. I feel very strongly that the prime control should be Canadian, maximizing Canadian content.

ALLEGATION CALGARY FIRM GAVE CONTRACT TO  
NON-CANADIAN ENGINEERS—REQUEST FOR REPORT

**Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, would the minister inquire into the truth or otherwise of the report that a contract was given in the last two weeks to a firm in Calgary which turned the work over to non-Canadian engineers in view of the very high quality of Canadian engineering in this field.

**Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** I will be very happy to look into that. I am not aware of any Calgary company receiving such a contract.

[Mr. Marchand (Langelier).]

[Translation]

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**

ALLEGED REQUEST OF QUEBEC TO ANNUL PARDON OF MR.  
DESJARDINS—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette):** Mr. Speaker, the Solicitor General and the Minister of Justice being absent, I wish to ask a question of the Acting Prime Minister.

About a dozen days ago the Quebec Justice Minister announced that he would recommend to the federal government and to the responsible authorities annulment of a pardon already granted Mr. Desjardins, a well known personality in Quebec construction circles. Could the minister tell us if the government or the minister in charge has received such an official request and, secondly, if such is the case, could he tell us what will be the attitude taken by the government or if a decision has already been made with regard to the request from the Quebec Minister of Justice?

[English]

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of any such request. The minister will be here on Monday and will, I hope, reply to the question.

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**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

CONTRACTS TO PRICE, RUBIN WITHOUT TREASURY BOARD  
APPROVAL—REQUEST FOR REPORT

**Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the President of the Treasury Board. On May 9, 1975 I put certain questions to the President of the Treasury Board in the course of his estimates with regard to the contract given to Price, Rubin without Treasury Board approval. I have not yet had an answer from the minister. Earlier I said I would give him an opportunity to give me an answer by letter if he wished. Is the minister prepared to answer that series of questions.

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (President of the Treasury Board):** Mr. Speaker, I take pleasure in sending the letter immediately to the hon. member.

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[English]

**HEALTH**

INQUIRY AS TO INSTRUCTIONS TO KEEP MEAT UNFIT FOR  
HUMAN CONSUMPTION OFF MARKET IN QUEBEC PENDING  
INVESTIGATION

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of National Health and Welfare a further question about this very shocking incident where apparently putrid meat continued to move on to the market in Quebec some two years after the minister's inspectors were aware of this. In view of the power of the inspectors of the minister to seize and