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further, I think the hon. gentleman knows from previous answers I have given that this is a complex matter on which we are progressing in consultation with the government of Ontario, but neither side is ready to make a statement.

Mr. Alexander: One short supplementary—

Mr. Speaker: Order. I have to bring to the attention of hon. members that we have just about reached the end of the question period. I will try to recognize two or three other members before calling Orders of the Day.

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PENITENTIARIES**DORCHESTER—ALLEGED DENIAL OF VISITING PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS OF BLACK UNITED FRONT—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION**

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Solicitor General but since he has just left the chamber I will direct it to his parliamentary secretary. Has the minister or his department investigated allegations that visiting rights were denied to members of the Black United Front but were permitted to white friends of the Black Front who wished to visit inmates of the federal penitentiary at Dorchester last weekend and, if so, with what result?

Mr. Douglas A. Hogarth (Parliamentary Secretary to Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I shall take that question as notice.

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AGRICULTURE**FARM CREDIT CORPORATION FORECLOSURES—POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE UNDER SMALL FARMS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. It arises out of the relatively large number of foreclosures being undertaken by the Farm Credit Corporation in the province of Alberta. Could he advise the House if any assistance will be provided to those individuals who are affected, and face the prospect of being forced off their land, under the provisions of the new development program being undertaken by the Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the provincial departments of agriculture?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, we do not envisage any assistance of that nature under the Small Farms Development Program, but I can advise you that there are no foreclosures being proceeded with unless the arrears were outstanding for at least four years, and in many cases these accounts have been in arrears for many more years than that.

Mr. Mazankowski: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, in order that the minister may not mislead the House I would like to advise that in answers to questions on the order paper the minister has indicated to the House that

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there are indeed some 85 foreclosures being commenced in the province of Alberta. I would like that to be clearly placed on the record.

Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker, that does not change the validity of my reply.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

Mr. Lundrigan: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, in view of the announcement by the Minister of Fisheries today that an agreement is to be consummated between Denmark and Canada, and in view of the fact that it has not been brought before the Canadian Parliament, I would like you to ask for unanimous consent to return to motions.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that that might be done tomorrow.

Mr. Lundrigan: But, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: I will inquire if there is unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Lundrigan: Mr. Speaker,—

Mr. Speaker: Order. I suggest to the hon. member that that was not a point of order at all. I wish to point out to hon. members that we are getting into a position where, every day when we reach the end of the question period, many members still rise to ask questions. The rules are clear. When the time has expired the Chair has to call orders of the day.

Mr. Lundrigan: On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, a few days ago there was an agreement consummated between Norway and Canada which has caused a lot of concern in the Atlantic provinces. At the present time there are negotiations going on between Denmark and Canada, between Spain and Canada, between Portugal and Canada, between France and Canada, and between the United Kingdom and Canada, and all these agreements are being made without any reference to the Parliament of Canada. I feel, and I think many hon. members feel that this is by-passing Parliament and is not giving an opportunity to Canadian parliamentarians to pass judgment. In Norway the agreement had to be ratified by the parliament of that country. I feel that if the Canadian government is going to continue in this way there will have to be a tremendous amount of opposition mounted from this side of the House.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION**SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED**

Mr. Speaker: Just before calling orders of the day, perhaps I should bring to the attention of hon. members that the following matters will be discussed at the time of adjournment tonight: the hon. member for Battleford-Kindersley (Mr. Thomson)—Research—farm machinery;