

member wants to take a little bit of credit for that, Madam Speaker, I have no objection.

We have had some difficulties trying to arrange a meeting because of the unsettled political situation in the United States of America. They are faced with an election. The meeting has been scheduled at least twice, and if I remember correctly it was not my doing that it was cancelled. It was cancelled on their part.

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Mr. Wise: Madam Speaker, the obvious answer is that this remains today as a broken promise. In the third area, the minister made some very definite commitment that he would enlarge the Farm Credit Corporation and increase its funding. We increased the funding by some \$50 million. Has the minister delivered on that promise or does it too remain a broken promise today?

Mr. Whelan: Madam Speaker, the hon. member indicates what he has done, but he did not mention that he raised the interest rates of the Farm Credit Corporation at the same time, with the approval of the former president of the treasury board. I would remind the hon. member that the interest rate was recently lowered and also that one of the greatest virtues of all is patience. The hon. member will see that the Farm Credit Corporation will be what he wants, what I want and what we all want for agriculture in Canada very shortly.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

EL SALVADOR—CALL FOR CESSATION OF UNITED STATES MILITARY AID

Miss Pauline Jewett (New Westminster-Coquitlam): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, whom we welcome back from his forays abroad. In light of increasing political murders of community, church and other human rights leaders in El Salvador, and in light of the accompanying rise in U.S. military aid to the repressive junta in that country, will the minister now undertake to urge the United States to cease its intervention in El Salvador and halt all military aid to the El Salvador regime?

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Madam Speaker, the presupposition of that question puts the American government in a more unfavourable light than is immediately obvious, but I will undertake to look at that question.

Miss Jewett: Madam Speaker, the present budget is around \$5 million in military aid and is increasing by a similar amount this coming year unless we do something. Would the minister therefore, in addition to looking into the matter, instruct our observer at the Organization of American States meeting, which is beginning fairly soon, to express our concern

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about any continuing military intervention or military aid to that repressive regime?

Mr. MacGuigan: Madam Speaker, our information is that the so-called American aid is purely of a defensive nature, but we will look again at the facts and if the facts warrant, we will make representations.

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AGRICULTURE

ESTABLISHMENT OF VETERINARY COLLEGE IN P.E.I. OR MARITIME PROVINCES

Mr. Jim Schroder (Guelph): Madam Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. I understand that the minister had a meeting today with the Premier of Prince Edward Island. I am sure that, among many important things, they probably discussed the formation of the veterinary college in the maritimes. Could the minister tell the House whether or not he and the premier were able to come to any conclusions about the establishment of this college in Prince Edward Island or the maritimes?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Madam Speaker, I did have a meeting with the Premier of Prince Edward Island and we did talk about the veterinary college in Prince Edward Island or in the maritimes. He was seeking my support to bring the provinces together so that the veterinary college could be established and given the go-ahead. Naturally, the premier would like the college in Prince Edward Island and he recognizes that, if proper federal leadership was given, maybe it could become a fact. I also gathered from the meeting we had today that the Premier of Prince Edward Island is still a very strong federalist.

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PRIVILEGE

MR. HNATYSHYN—NOTICE OF QUESTION TO BE RAISED

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon West): Madam Speaker, I rise merely to give notice of my intention to raise a question of privilege on the basis of answers given by the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) during the question period. My recollection is that the Prime Minister, on a number of occasions, intentionally misled the House on the basis of his contention that the provisions of the so-called resolution under the constitution, particularly section 42, provided for a deadlock-breaking referendum, and that that was the only time that the referendum could be used. I would like to reserve the right to look at the blues and *Hansard* in order to determine whether the Prime Minister in fact did mislead the House as I have suggested.

Mr. Trudeau: Madam Speaker—

Madam Speaker: The Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition.