

are implementing the regulations and are very strict about air flight standards.

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AGRICULTURE

FEED GRAIN—INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION ANNOUNCED IN SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Agriculture.

Can he tell us when he will introduce in this House the legislative measure announced in the Speech from the Throne and which purports to bring a solution to the serious problems of feed grains which heavily affect eastern agricultural producers?

[English]

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, we have promised that before the new crop year that will be done.

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IMMIGRATION

INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF AMENDING LEGISLATION—HEARING OF APPEALS OF VISITORS REQUESTING LANDED STATUS

Mr. William Skoreyko (Edmonton East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Manpower and Immigration if it is the government's intention to introduce amendments in the very near future to the Immigration Act so that the confusion surrounding the arbitrary order in council can be clarified?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, as announced in the Speech from the Throne it is the government's intention to introduce legislation amending the Immigration Appeal Board Act.

• (1520)

Mr. Skoreyko: Can the minister advise the House whether all the so-called visitor immigrants to Canada will have an opportunity to be heard by the Immigration Appeal Board before any further action is taken by the government?

Mr. Andras: Mr. Speaker, if that question refers to all the visitors in Canada I think that would give rise to an impossible situation since there are several hundred thousand visitors here at any given moment.

Mr. Skoreyko: Mr. Speaker, I think the minister is misunderstanding me. I am talking about the visitor immigrants in Canada who wish to obtain landed status and are waiting to have their appeals heard by the Immigration Appeal Board. Will they be heard by the Immigration Appeal Board before any further action is taken?

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Mr. Andras: Mr. Speaker, the Immigration Appeal Board has a backlog of some 12,000 appeals before it and its ability to handle them is limited to a capacity of 1,500 a year. Obviously, this matter will form the subject matter of some of the amendments that we hope to bring before the House to relieve this congestion. Therefore it would be impossible for the board to hear all those appeals before the legislation is brought before the House, unless that is done several years from now.

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

CHECKING OF SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE GIVEN AT HEARINGS IN WHICH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS INTEREST

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of State for Science and Technology. First, I should like to take this opportunity of congratulating the hon. lady on her appointment to this important position.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Nesbitt: Is the minister arranging to have scientific evidence tabulated, checked for accuracy and assessed for judgment when given at judicial or quasi-judicial hearings involving federal projects or projects in which the federal government has an interest? I am referring to the hearings—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member has asked his question. Perhaps the minister might reply. If the hon. member has a supplementary he may ask it afterwards.

[Translation]

Hon. Jeanne Sauvé (Minister of State for Science and Technology): Mr. Speaker, I should like to take note of this question.

[English]

Mr. Nesbitt: In view of the fact that the hearing I was referring to is the James Bay hearing, perhaps the Minister of Transport or the Minister of the Environment could provide an answer.

Mr. Baldwin: They have enough trouble as it is.

Mr. Nesbitt: Mr. Speaker, may I address one final supplementary to the Prime Minister. Would the Prime Minister consider reorganizing the cabinet responsibilities so that the various ministers concerned will know which minister is responsible, if any is, and for what? None of them seems to know now.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That is a representation, not a question. The hon. member must assume that it will be taken into consideration.