

tion that members' phones are being in any way interfered with, from whatever source, the matter would be quite serious indeed, and I would take whatever steps are open to us to ensure that Members of Parliament continue to have free and uninspected access to their telephones by which they are in contact with all parts of the population. I am sure that is what we all want and we will ensure that this takes place.

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HEALTH

DISCUSSION WITH CIGARETTE MANUFACTURERS ON INCLUSION OF WARNING IN PRINTED ADVERTISING

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey-White Rock): Mr. Speaker, I had a question I wanted to direct either to the Minister of National Health and Welfare or the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In their absence, perhaps you would allow somebody opposite to take notice of it. Having in mind the fact that both in the United States and the United Kingdom health warnings are now published as part of printed cigarette advertising, have discussions taken place between the government of Canada and the Canadian Tobacco Manufacturers Council looking toward the inclusion of a similar warning in Canada as part of any permitted printed cigarette advertising?

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TRANSPORT

GRAIN DELIVERY TO VANCOUVER—SUGGESTED OVERHAUL OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION POLICY TO EXPEDITE MOVEMENT—CONTINGENCY PLAN

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact the Canadian Wheat Board has set a shipment target of some 30 million bushels of wheat to be delivered each month to Vancouver and at the present time the railways can only deliver approximately 16 million bushels each month, will the minister now undertake a complete overhaul of the rail transportation policy in western Canada?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I am not at all sure what the hon. member means by a complete overhaul. There is an exhaustive study under way at the present time which involves my own ministry as well as the Wheat Board, the railways and various producer organizations with a view to greater rationalization of grain movement in western Canada. I hope something definite will come out of that in the relatively near future.

Mr. Murta: I wish to direct a supplementary question to the minister responsible for the Wheat Board. In view of the fact deliveries are currently some 25 million bushels behind the target figure for this year, is a contingency plan to catch up being prepared at the present time? If so, when will it be in operation?

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Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, as I indicated to the House when these questions were first raised some two weeks ago, at which time there was an even larger backlog of grain to be caught up on, the railroads agreed to attempt a target of unloads which would be adequate to catch up gradually on the backlog as well as to meet continuing commitments. The continuing very difficult weather in the Rockies has made that impossible, so the backlog has continued. It is certainly our hope that we will be able to catch up when there is good weather. The Wheat Board has also taken some steps to divert deliveries of grain that normally might be made out of Vancouver out of other ports for delivery so that the market can be supplied with grain as quickly as possible.

GRAIN SHIPMENT—SUGGESTED DREDGING OF CHURCHILL HARBOUR—LOCAL REPRESENTATION ON PORT AUTHORITY

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): My supplementary question is for the Minister of Transport. In view of the considerable concern which is evident as a result of delayed shipments of grain, will the minister reconsider the decision regarding a dredging program at Churchill this summer, which is very necessary so that port can continue to be the most efficient port in Canada, as recognized yearly by the National Harbours Board.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for his Chamber of Commerce remarks about the port. I agree it is a very useful and valuable port in Canada. Apropos the direct question, I am pleased to tell the hon. member that we will be appointing a port authority for the port of Churchill within a matter of a few weeks. One of the first assignments to go to that authority will be to make recommendations to us as to how best to improve it.

Mr. Simpson: Now that the minister has announced that the port authority will be appointed very shortly, will he again assure the House that the fullest consideration will be given to having local representation on that port authority?

Mr. Jamieson: Mr. Speaker, I think I have given that assurance on at least two previous occasions, but I am very happy to do it again.

REQUEST FOR TABLING OF REPORT ON RATIONALIZATION OF TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IN WESTERN CANADA

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Justice in his capacity as the minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board. In view of the great interest being shown in the proposed Saskatchewan land bank policy and the federal government's small farm policy, and in view of the questions that have been asked with regard to making public the report on the rationalization of the transportation system, is the minister now prepared to table that report in the House so there can be some fruitful discussion throughout the various constituencies?