

a corporation or partnership, is information respecting the nature of the partnership or corporation so that we can examine this matter. We certainly want to make payments to each bona fide hog producer.

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POLLUTION

SHIPWRECK RESULTING IN OIL SPILLAGE NEAR PACIFIC RIM PARK—REQUEST FOR NAVIGATIONAL CONTROL SYSTEM

Mr. D. W. Groos (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Acting Prime Minister. It arises from a number of telephone calls made from the west coast yesterday and today, all prompted by a major shipwreck yesterday, the third one this year incidentally, Mr. Speaker, off one of Canada's newest national parks, the Pacific Rim Park. There has been an oil pollution threat which today has become a fact. Will the minister act now and take steps to make this type of marine accident less likely by setting up a modern traffic control system in this area with all the necessary equipment and rules to make it effective?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, we will certainly take that suggestion under consideration.

Mr. Groos: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps the hon. member might ask his supplementary quickly. We are running short of time.

OIL SPILLAGE FROM SHIPWRECKS—REQUEST FOR REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE

Mr. D. W. Groos (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, my question to the government House leader is as follows: would he consult with his colleagues on the opposite side of the House with a view to reconstituting the special Committee on Environmental Pollution, which would study this specific problem and make recommendations to the House?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I have that question under consideration at present and have already had some communication with the hon. member for Esquimalt-Saanich, the chairman of that committee, with a view to either reconstituting the committee or providing some other method by which this very useful work can be carried forward.

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PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

DAMAGE TO FRONT STEPS—REQUEST THAT CONTRACTOR MAKE REPAIRS

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to our congenial Minister of Public Works. Will the minister ask his officials to look at the front steps leading to the Parliament Buildings which have been severely damaged by a backhoe used for removing snow. These hand hewn stone steps are severely chipped, and I

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suggest that the minister should ask the contractor to make good the damage done.

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AGRICULTURE

RESPONSE TO REPRESENTATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE IN FOWL BUYING PROGRAM

Mr. R. E. McKinley (Huron): Mr. Speaker, when I raised my question originally with the Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture, I was told that I would obtain an answer on the minister's return. My question is related to the submission to the government of the Federation of Agriculture, on behalf of egg producers, for assistance in the fowl slaughtering program. What action is the government going to take on that request?

• (1610)

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, we have asked the representatives of the egg producing associations to work on an urgent basis to put together a marketing plan that is acceptable across the country, one that will bring supply and demand into balance. When that is done, we will be willing to give favourable consideration to some financial assistance that will help immediately.

Mr. McKinley: A supplementary question.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Huron might be allowed to ask a supplementary question and then we will call Orders of the Day.

Mr. McKinley: With regard to the fowl buying program announced by the government last year under which assistance was going to be given to producers, how much money was paid to producers under that program?

Mr. Olson: None, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That question ought to be placed on the Order Paper.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the government House leader about the business for this week and next week. Also, if he is able, can he give any indication about the Easter recess? Finally, he might want to say how long we will be here when we return after Easter.

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, in connection with the business of the House, we will continue today with the federal-provincial fiscal arrangements bill. This will be followed by the budget bill that is on the order paper. If that is concluded today, we will begin the explosives bill. Tomorrow is an allotted day.

With regard to the legislative outlook for next week, following the explosives bill, we will take the Criminal