

*Oral Questions***REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION****DATE OF OPENING OF SUFFIELD PASTURE IN VIEW OF DROUGHT CONDITIONS**

Mr. Bert Hargrave (Medicine Hat): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In view of the continuing serious drought in southern Alberta and southwest Saskatchewan, areas which saw no relief from last week's rain, will the minister tell us when he will announce the opening of the Suffield PFRA pasture as he clearly indicated he would at a recent meeting of the standing committee?

Hon. Marcel Lessard (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): We have been working on two plans; first, to set up the permanent pasture on that Suffield land and then to try to use it on a temporary basis. As for the permanent pasture, arrangements will likely be concluded early in June. I hope that by mid-June we shall be in a position to end our discussions with the Department of the Environment and the Department of National Defence. Things are going very well, now. As for the emergency pasture, we hope arrangements will be completed soon. We are still working to find appropriate water locations which will service the cattle to be moved there. I would say that these arrangements will be completed in a matter of days, or weeks at the most.

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MULTICULTURALISM**PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR THIRD LANGUAGE TRAINING—DATE OF COMMENCEMENT—SUPPORT FOR SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the minister responsible for multiculturalism. It is related to a statement made by the former minister in a speech at Edmonton on January 29 of this year. At that time, the hon. member for Hamilton East stated that by April the government would be prepared to provide assistance in connection with projects to improve teaching skills of teachers involved in third language training in Canada's supplementary schools. As we are now into the month of May, I should like to know whether the hon. gentleman is now prepared to introduce such a program and, if not, when he will be prepared to do so.

Hon. Joseph-Philippe Guay (Minister without Portfolio): I am not aware of the details of what was said by the minister previously responsible for multicultural affairs. I have not given the matter any consideration, nor do I anticipate doing so at the moment.

Mr. Mitges: In the same speech, the hon. member for Hamilton East announced the government's intention to provide support for the operation of supplementary schools in recognition of the important role played by those schools in language retention. Could the minister inform us whether he is developing guidelines for such a program and, if so, when we can expect this program to be introduced?

[Mr. Gillespie.]

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): I have not considered any of the speeches made by the previous minister, neither can I speak on that particular subject at the moment.

Some hon. Members: Oh!

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VETERANS AFFAIRS**CONTINUATION OF PAYMENT OF DISABILITY PENSION IF ONE SPOUSE DIES—GOVERNMENT POSITION**

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs? It relates to a resolution submitted by the War Amputations of Canada urging that where a war disability pension is paid to a married couple and one spouse dies, the pension be continued in full for one year. In view of the fact that this resolution has been presented on other occasions, and repeated recently, can the minister tell us whether his department is considering the proposal?

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs): This resolution, like others, is under consideration in the department.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**BROADCASTING OF WORLD HOCKEY ASSOCIATION GAMES TO PROMOTE NATIONAL UNITY**

Mr. Louis Duclos (Montmorency): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State.

Since the finals of the World Hockey Association will get under way this Wednesday between two Canadian teams, the Winnipeg Jets and the Quebec Nordiques, would the minister tell the House if he has made or will make representations to CBC to have this sport event aired over both networks so as to continue to promote national unity?

[English]

Hon. John Roberts (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I am well aware that the hon. member is interested in this event since we often watch the hockey series on television in the lobby together.

An hon. Member: Is that why you are never in the House?

Mr. Roberts: After the House is over; the games go on after ten o'clock. I shall be happy to refer the hon. member's representation to the appropriate bodies to ascertain what answer they can give.