

Wheat Board under the provisions of this act for the 1970-71 crop year by way of invoice, requisition or other means? Has the minister or the government been informed?

Mr. Benson: Not me personally, Mr. Speaker, but I shall inquire.

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): I have a supplementary question for the minister in charge of the Wheat Board. In view of the fact that Bill C-244, the proposed Stabilization Act, does not appear to be on the legislative timetable and that this will further delay the distribution of moneys promised under the provisions of that act, would the minister undertake to obtain and distribute such funds as are now due and payable under the provisions of the Temporary Wheat Reserves Act which is still a law of Canada?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): I think the assumption of the hon. member is inaccurate, Mr. Speaker. Bill C-244 is on the timetable and we hope to be able to proceed with it.

Mr. Burton: As a supplementary question I should like to ask the Minister of Finance if he is aware that one of the commissioners of the Canadian Wheat Board told the agricultural committee of the House of Commons on June 10 that the Canadian Wheat Board has placed a requisition for the amounts due for 1970-71 before the government? Does the minister not know his job?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Benson: Unfortunately—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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OIL

PROPOSED TAPS TANKER ROUTE—UNITED STATES RESPONSE TO CANADIAN REPRESENTATIONS

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs whether he is able to report anything positive to the House with regard to representations made to the United States authorities regarding the transportation of Alaska oil in the Puget Sound area. Can the minister report any progress toward an understanding?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, at the invitation of the United States government we have made representations as to the unfortunate effects of the movement of oil in these narrow waters and have been assured that these are under study at the present time.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PROPOSED AMCHITKA NUCLEAR TEST—FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS TO THE UNITED STATES

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey-White Rock): I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Having in

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mind the reports from Washington that President Nixon is nearing a decision in regard to allowing, postponing or cancelling the proposed massive underground nuclear test in the Pacific, does the government intend to make further representations to the United States government against such test?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): We have not definitely decided whether we should make further representations, Mr. Speaker, but it seems fairly clear from all we hear, including the newspaper reports to which the hon. member has referred, that the views of the Canadian government are well understood and there is no doubt that we are strongly opposed.

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INCOME TAX

EFFECT OF AMENDMENTS ON CREDIT UNIONS

Mr. Stanley Haidasz (Parkdale): I should like to ask the Minister of Finance whether he could allay the fears of Canadian credit unions who consider the proposed amendments to the Income Tax Act as a danger to their existence?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I believe that question was asked yesterday.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

UNITED STATES IMPORT SURTAX—CONSULTATION BY CANADA WITH JAPAN AND OTHER COUNTRIES

Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent-Essex): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. In light of reports from Tokyo of possible joint discussions with Canada, can the minister state if the government is indeed developing joint plans with Japan or other nations for a coordinated effort to persuade the United States not to employ the present surcharge as a long-term policy or are our actions strictly unilateral?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, there will be Japanese-Canadian ministerial meetings next week in Toronto on Monday and Tuesday. I shall be attending those meetings so of course there will be consultation between the Minister of Finance of Japan and myself. In addition, meetings on Wednesday and Thursday of next week of a multilateral nature will be held by the Group of Ten in London.

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LABOUR CONDITIONS

MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE UNEMPLOYMENT IN QUEBEC

Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Prime Minister.

Following the recent statement of the Quebec Minister of Finance that unemployment would reach this coming