

**Mr. Malone:** Mr. Speaker, I would trust that the Minister would add to that that he will check on it and report back to the House.

#### CONTAMINATED MEAT INQUIRY

**Mr. Arnold Malone (Crowfoot):** Mr. Speaker, by way of a supplementary question I would ask the Minister if he would report back to the House after giving his consideration to the import of contaminated meats. My understanding is that some 40 per cent of meats imported into Canada have levels of contaminant chemical contents higher than the levels that are allowed in domestic packing plants. I would ask the Minister to give his consideration to that and cease the import of those meats so that our western packing industry might continue to survive.

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, I have seen nothing concerning the contamination of imported meat. I understand it goes through a pretty rigid inspection process. The only thing I am aware of is that some meat was actually shipped out of Canada to Great Britain and returned to Canada. I have seen nothing like the kind of situation to which the Hon. Member referred, dealing with imported meat coming into Canada. It is inspected very thoroughly.

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#### THE ADMINISTRATION

##### LIBERAL PARTY LEADER—TRANSPORTATION BRIEFINGS

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville):** Mr. Speaker, I would ask the Minister of Transport a supplementary question arising from earlier questions with respect to briefings to his new Leader. May I ask the Minister how he plans to conduct briefings to his new Leader with respect to transportation when in fact his new Leader still holds a corporate directorship in the CPR? Can the Minister assure the House that such briefings will not take place prior to the time when the new Leader's resignation will take effect?

**Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I do not know if the question of briefings of the new Leader of the Liberal Party is a proper subject for discourse in the House of Commons. However, I would suggest to the Hon. Member that, like he is with most of his questions, he is a little out of date. Mr. Turner, as the new Leader of the Liberal Party, has already submitted his resignations which will take effect at the end of this month.

##### TIMING OF CORPORATE DIRECTORSHIP DESIGNATIONS

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville):** Mr. Speaker, that is precisely the point of my question. Can the Minister assure this House that briefings with respect to transportation, particularly as it relates to CPR, will not take place while the new Leader of the Liberal Party is in effect still holding director-

ships, since his resignations do not take effect until the end of the month?

#### Oral Questions

**Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, again I would like to remind the Hon. Member for Vegreville, because it is quite obvious that he has forgotten, that the new Leader of the Liberal Party is also a Privy Councillor. Therefore, he has taken a very serious oath which he respects, and which I hope the Hon. Member opposite also respects when we take him into our confidence. Most times that confidence is honoured. I would not say that it is always honoured, but it is most times. Therefore, I would assume that the same kind of discretion in judgment shown by all Privy Councillors in respecting the confidence of the Crown would again be respected.

**Mr. Mazankowski:** Supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member has already asked a supplementary question.

**Mr. Mazankowski:** Supplementary, Sir. In the spirit of that confidence which the Minister is willing to share—

**Some Hon. Members:** Order!

**Mr. Mazankowski:** Perhaps he may—

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member has already asked a supplementary question.

**Mr. Mazankowski:** They got two over there.

**Mr. Speaker:** To put the record straight, there was an initial question put by a member of the New Democratic Party and only one supplementary question was requested. The second supplementary question was accorded as a courtesy to a later questioner in that Party. The Chair has scrupulously observed the proprieties of fairness in this situation. I recognize the Hon. Member for Kamloops-Shuswap.

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#### LABOUR CONDITIONS

##### UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops-Shuswap):** Mr. Speaker, I have a single question to put to the Minister of Employment and Immigration. It would appear that there must be something of a bias in the job-creation programs, or perhaps some discrimination is taking place, because the Province of Manitoba has such a relatively low unemployment rate when compared to the national average, and the unemployment rate in British Columbia is twice that of Manitoba. Does this reflect some type of discriminatory practice on behalf of the federal Government in terms of its job-creation programs, or does it have something to do with the nature of the Government in that province?