

Inquiries of the Ministry

Denmark has joined Sweden in banning the use of d.d.t. in agriculture, forestry and horticulture, can the minister advise whether his department is studying the reasons for such a ban in these Scandinavian countries?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Yes, Mr. Speaker. We have this under constant review. We are also very keenly aware of the great benefits in lowering the cost of production that d.d.t. has for our farmers in Canada. We must also take that into account.

Mr. Aiken: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Are discussions being held by the Department of Agriculture with other government departments which are interested in pollution control?

Mr. Olson: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): A supplementary to the Prime Minister. Since the matter of the roster has been mentioned, will the Prime Minister assure the house that he will not take disciplinary action against—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member cannot rise on a supplementary at this point. Perhaps he may have a legitimate question in a moment. I draw to his attention that this is not a supplementary.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES**AMENDMENTS TO MEASURE TO RESTORE DELETIONS MADE FOLLOWING MEETING WITH PROVINCIAL MINISTERS**

Mr. David Anderson (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. In view of the news reports of last Friday that the premier of one of the provinces may well contest the legality of the official languages bill in the courts, is it the intention of the minister to introduce amendments to the bill when it comes before this house to restore the provisions of the bill which were deleted or amended following his meeting with the Attorneys General of the provinces earlier this year?

Mr. Speaker: It seems the hon. member is asking a question about a matter which will be considered later today. I suggest the hon. member cannot in this way anticipate an order of the day.

LABOUR RELATIONS**INQUIRY AS TO SETTLEMENT OF IRON ORE STRIKE**

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): May I direct a question to the

[Mr. Aiken.]

Prime Minister and ask him if representations have been made to him to have the federal Department of Labour join with the provinces of Quebec and Newfoundland in an attempt to settle the iron ore strike in Quebec and Labrador? This affects not only workers coming under provincial jurisdictions, but also dock and railway workers. What action is the Prime Minister taking with regard to these representations?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I am informed I did receive a telegram to that effect this morning. I referred the matter to the Department of Labour.

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): A supplementary to the Prime Minister or the Acting Minister of Labour. Has an approach been made to the Premier of Quebec and to the Premier of Newfoundland indicating the willingness of the federal government to lend its good offices to settle this six week old strike? If so, what was the reply of the respective premiers?

Mr. Jim McNulty (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, the minister on June 9 indicated the government's willingness to enter into this, and to mediate. The province of Quebec agreed with this, but not the province of Newfoundland.

COMBINES**BEEF—INQUIRY AS TO POSSIBLE PROSECUTIONS UNDER ACT**

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In view of the proper statement made by the Minister of Agriculture that receipts by farmers of present prices for beef are fair and reasonable, and the difference of opinion expressed by the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, will the minister say now whether he is contemplating prosecuting under the Combines Investigation Act? The information available today is that while wholesale prices of beef have risen 13.6 cents a pound over a period of time, chain stores have raised their prices from 25 cents to 40 cents a pound. Is the minister going to take some action in this regard?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I am sure the members of the government will be delighted with the endorsement from the right hon. gentleman, and the acknowledgment that the Minister of Agriculture is a