Inquiries of the Ministry

(Translation):

PORK-REPORTED FAILURE TO OBTAIN DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Jean-Paul Racine (Beauce): Has the minister received a petition, bearing the signature of more than 300 farmers, complaining that some business concerns are using the registration and numbers given to farmers in order to obtain deficiency payments on hogs? Does the minister intend to inquire into this matter?

(Text):

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I have not received this communication which is spoken of. However, I can assure the hon. member that the system we have set for making deficiency payments for pigs is such that it will be pretty difficult for people who wish to try to break the law in this matter. Of course bank robberies are taking place every week, and I have no doubt that certain people will attempt to break this law as well as laws against theft and so on. However, I think it would be difficult for them to make much progress along that line.

(Translation):

PORK-REPORTED TRAFFIC IN PERMITS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Samuel Boulanger (Drummond-Arthabaska): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has the minister not received complaints that there is a traffic in permits granted to hog breeders in the large market areas? INCOM

(Text):

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Minister of Agriculture): No, Mr. Speaker, I have not received any such information.

NOVA SCOTIA—TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE ON DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Agriculture when we may expect the tabling of correspondence between the premier of Nova Scotia and the minister with regard to deficiency payments? The minister will perhaps know that the premier tabled the correspondence in the legislature two weeks ago.

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of the latter allegations or statements made by the hon. member for Essex East, but as soon as I have received the consent of the province to the tabling of this correspondence I will table it.

[Mr. Harkness.]

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, may I ask a supplementary question. Has the minister asked for that consent yet?

Mr. Harkness: The answer is yes, Mr. Speaker; immediately after the request was made.

IMMIGRATION

IRENE REBRIN-INQUIRY AS TO DEPORTATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. D. Crestohl (Cartier): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration about the deportation order made against Irene Rebrin. Can the minister inform the house whether this deportation order was made following a regular inquiry by an immigration board, or was it a ministerial order?

Hon. Ellen L. Fairclough (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the former is true.

Mr. Crestohl: I would like to direct a supplementary question to the minister. If I understood her reply, she indicated that the deportation order was made following a regular immigration board hearing. If that is so, was an appeal lodged by the person deported?

Mrs. Fairclough: Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member will permit me I will give him a full report on this matter.

INCOME TAX

APPLICATION TO ENTERPRISES CONDUCTED BY RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Erhart Regier (Burnaby-Coquitlam): I would like to ask the Minister of National Revenue a question in view of the pending investigation into federal income tax as it affects Hutterite colonies. Can the minister say whether this investigation will also apply to commercial and/or agricultural enterprises operated by other religious organizations in Canada?

Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I am not sure whether the word "investigation" is the proper word to use, but as a result of representations which have been made about this matter by the hon. member for Acadia, as well as other hon. members of this house, I have asked my department for a full report of the practice which has been followed in the past with respect to the application of the Income Tax Act as regards Hutterites, as well as the practice under the existing law. A complete