

Inquiries of the Ministry

[English]

AGRICULTURE**SUGGESTED FOWL BUYING PROGRAM TO REDUCE EGG PRODUCTION**

Mr. R. E. McKinley (Huron): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. Now that the provinces have reached a reasonably tentative agreement regarding control over egg production, would the government initiate an effective fowl buying program to relieve the overproduction of eggs immediately?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): If the provinces have reached such an agreement which has sufficient substance in it to make it workable, it will be helpful if they will communicate the contents of the agreement to me.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**INQUIRY AS TO OPENING OF EMBASSY IN BUCHAREST**

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Speaker. May I again ask the minister whether the government has plans to open an embassy in Bucharest and to appoint an ambassador accredited solely to the People's Republic of Roumania which for some time has had a prestigious embassy in Ottawa?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): It was my privilege to receive similar representations from the distinguished representatives from Roumania who are here, and I assured them that Bucharest was on the list.

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AGRICULTURE**CRITERIA THAT PROCESSING INDUSTRIES MUST MEET TO QUALIFY FOR BUDGET TAX REDUCTION**

Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot): I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister inform the House and the country what criteria agricultural products processing industries must meet in order to qualify for the tax reduction announced in the budget?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I have a long list here in front of me but I am sure Your Honour would not allow me to read it at this time.

[Later:]

Mr. Horner: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary to direct to the Minister of Agriculture. Would he table the criteria that companies have to meet in order to qualify for the tax reduction?

Mr. Olson: This is, of course, a question which should be addressed either to the Minister of National Revenue or to the Minister of Finance because they will have to adminis-

[Mr. Pepin.]

ter these laws. But I can advise the hon. member that this matter was discussed somewhat extensively in the standing committee this morning, as the hon. member would have known had he been there.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT DECISION ELIMINATING NEED FOR JURY UNANIMITY IN CRIMINAL CASES—CANADIAN POSITION**

Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Justice. In light of a recent decision by the United States Supreme Court eliminating the need for unanimity among juries in criminal cases, does the minister intend to introduce similar legislation applicable to Canada?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): We have no immediate intention of introducing such legislation. The whole question of the appropriate approach to criminal law reform is being studied presently by the Law Reform Commission as well as in the department and may result in legislation at the next session.

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INDUSTRY**TEXTILES—ORDERS SENT TO ROUMANIA—MEASURES TO PROTECT JOBS OF CANADIANS**

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, my question will be of interest, I hope, to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

Some Canadian textile industries enjoying financial support from the federal government now order almost as much work in Roumania as in Canada, thus jeopardizing the jobs of Canadian workers. Is the minister aware of this fact and does he intend to take specific measures to preserve Canadian jobs in the textile field?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I have—

Mr. Speaker: Order. I hope the minister will be able to reply briefly to this question. I am sure the hon. member for Lotbinière will admit that his question has a very wide scope and should normally be answered by the minister in the form of a statement on motions. If the minister can reply briefly, the Chair will recognize him for this purpose.

Mr. Pepin: Mr. Speaker, I can only confirm that indeed we import textiles from Roumania. If we wish to continue to export our products to Roumania, I suggest that we have to allow Roumania also to export her products to Canada.