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DARLING REPORT—IMPLEMENTATION OF
RECOMMENDATION OFFSHORE DRILLING RIGS BE
DESIGNATED CANADIAN PORTS

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Transport. Will the minister give consideration to accepting the recommendation of the Darling report which would designate offshore drilling rigs as Canadian ports in an attempt to increase the Canadian labour content in the offshore exploration?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I have already stated that the objectives the hon. member outlined are in themselves desirable. However, there are many other aspects of the Darling report. The question is whether we can put one part into effect without doing other things which might prove detrimental. That is why we asked for representations from all interested parties. When these are received and have been studied by the department, a policy will be announced in due course.

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AGRICULTURE

NEWCASTLE DISEASE—SOURCE OF OUTBREAK

Mr. Mac T. McCutcheon (Lambton-Kent): My question is for the Minister of Agriculture. It is based on a press release of that department last Friday relative to Newcastle disease. Can the minister advise if the original source of the outbreak of Newcastle disease has been discovered and isolated?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I will have to take the question as notice.

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AIR TRANSPORT

CHARTER FLIGHTS—REQUEST FOR REFUSAL OF
LANDING RIGHTS TO JOINT INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): My question is for the Minister of Transport. It relates to another kind of hijacking. Are the minister, his department, his officials or the Canadian Transport Commission carrying out any investigation into the most recent air charter flight boondoggle, and, if he has not already done so, will he use his authority to prevent Joint International Airways landing rights in Canada until such time as they have reimbursed stranded passengers for funds and inconvenience.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, if it is within the authority of either the Ministry of Transport or the government of Canada, I will be more than pleased to look at it in a very sympathetic way. Without having all the details, I am not at all certain whether this is a travel agency. If that is the case, it will come under provincial jurisdiction.

Inquiries of the Ministry

CHARTER FLIGHTS—MEASURES TO PREVENT LOSSES BY
PASSENGERS

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): A supplementary question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Will the minister inform the House and concerned Canadian citizens what steps, if any, his department will take to prevent such unconscionable operations from being continued in so far as charter flights are concerned?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, what legislative authority exists, exists within the Department of Transport.

CHARTER FLIGHTS—ACTION TO PREVENT NEW AIRFARE
CONSULTANTS FROM ENGAGING IN BUSINESS

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): Now that the ball has been thrown back to the Minister of Transport by the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, will the minister state whether his department or the Canadian Transport Commission have authority to deal with New Airfare Consultants Incorporated, travel consultants on Yonge Street in Toronto, in a manner which would effectively prevent them from selling charter flights?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Obviously, Mr. Speaker, I cannot—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I doubt very much whether the question is in order in any event.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

PROVISION OF OVERTIME PAY

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): My question is to the Solicitor General. It should have been asked on Christmas eve. Has a final decision yet been made with regard to overtime pay for members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, consultations are going on with members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

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AGRICULTURE

CORN—DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF POLICY ON
STORAGE FACILITIES

Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent-Essex): My question is for the Minister of Agriculture. When representations were made to the minister on behalf of the corn industry with regard to the storage problem in Ontario, he indicated these representations would be considered. Can the minister now indicate whether a decision can be made regarding the storage problem and when may we expect an announcement in the House?