

## AGRICULTURE

## ILLEGAL CHEMICAL INJECTIONS OF CALVES IN QUEBEC

**Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Agriculture. Press reports indicate that about 12,000 veal calves in Quebec have been injected with an illegal chemical, trembolone acetate, and that some 2,000 carcasses of adulterated meat have been sold since last August. Will the Minister explain why he has allowed this illegal chemical to be used in commercial veal production since last May? Why has the Minister allowed this adulterated meat to be sold since last August?

**Hon. John Wise (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the Hon. Member's question. I wish to respond as fully as I possibly can. I have been on top of the situation since we were first notified of it. I wish to tell Members of the House that, indeed, it was inspectors from Agriculture Canada, my own departmental meat inspectors, who detected the presence of this drug. We immediately notified officials of the Department of National Health and Welfare since a matter of this type does not fall under meat inspection legislation but, rather, under food and drug legislation. An investigation by the appropriate officials of the Department of National Health and Welfare is now going forward under food and drug legislation.

## REQUEST FOR BAN ON SALE OF CARCASSES

**Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma):** Mr. Speaker, will the Minister assure Canadian consumers that no more carcasses of this type will be allowed to be placed on supermarket shelves across the country? Will he also assure consumers that the meat which is already there will be withdrawn by whichever Government Department is responsible?

**Hon. John Wise (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, I have no hesitation in assuring Canadian consumers with respect to that type of information. As the Hon. Member knows, we have the finest meat inspection system in the world. As a result of rather foolish questions raised by members of the Opposition with respect to a couple of other matters in the last three or four weeks, I received a communication from the World Health Organization endorsing our system. I can assure the Hon. Member that none of these carcasses will be moved at all. We are trying to determine whether or not, in fact, any carcasses have been moved into the system. It is impossible to say from the information I have at the moment. I have asked the question. Because of the nature of the drug, it is not really possible to determine whether or not any implanted meat has actually been moved into the system.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Minister may want to finish his answer under Statements by Ministers.

## Oral Questions

[Translation]

## INDUSTRY

## REQUEST THAT O'FARRELL REPORT BE MADE PUBLIC

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Mr. Speaker, I also have a question for the Prime Minister and it has to do with the conflicting statements of two of his Ministers concerning the Gulf-Ultramar issue in Montreal. Supported by Statistics Canada, the Quebec Government, *Oil Week* and the O'Farrell report, the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs stated that Montreal's refining capacity falls far short, but the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources said exactly the opposite. Here is my question, Mr. Speaker: Once and for all, and to lay this matter to rest, can the Prime Minister tell us now whether he is prepared to table the O'Farrell report in the House?

**Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, that is practically the same question the Hon. Member asked yesterday and he was given a very specific answer. Since then, in answer to questions—I think the Hon. Member did not listen to today's exchanges—I said we have been negotiating for quite some time in an attempt to come up with a formula which would make it possible to find alternative production uses for those facilities in Montreal East. What we want to do—

**Mr. Malépart:** We have won.

**Mr. Mulroney:** You have won? The nerve you have! You drove the refining industry right into the ground and you have the nerve to claim a victory, if there has been a victory.

## REQUEST THAT PRIME MINISTER MAKE PUBLIC ALL INFORMATION OF DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Mr. Speaker, it is a question of credibility. I would like to have an answer because the Hon. Member for Duvernay changed his position concerning Gulf-Ultramar after obtaining full details from the Department—

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The preamble to the supplementary question is very long. Will the Hon. Member just put his question, please?

[Translation]

**Mr. Nystrom:** Here is my question, Mr. Speaker: Is the Prime Minister prepared to release all information available from the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources now that the Department has briefed the Hon. Member for Duvernay? Is he now prepared to release that information in the House for the benefit of the Hon. Members and all Canadians?