

Could the minister indicate whether, prior to the decision by the government, representations or suggestions had been received from CAPA, that in-flight security arrangements might be considered by the government?

Mr. Jamieson: Mr. Speaker, to the extent that my memory serves me right, and I believe it does, there was a meeting between my colleague, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, myself and the chief official of the Canadian Airline Pilots Association, following which there was held a joint press conference at which I believe all three of us confirmed that the same decision had been arrived at during the meeting. That is my recollection.

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AGRICULTURE

FARM PRODUCTS MARKETING AGENCIES BILL— POSITION OF MINISTER

Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Agriculture.

Does he strongly recommend the control of agriculture and means of marketing provided for in Bill C-176?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's question may be put in the course of the debate which will resume in a few moments.

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[English]

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

DELAY IN PAYMENT OF BENEFITS—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Labour. In view of the widespread delays in unemployment insurance payments across Canada and the minister's promise of prompt investigation into these delays, especially in the New Westminster area, has the minister any good news for those people who have been waiting between six and ten weeks for their claim cheques?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, those are the usual allegations without proof. If the hon. gentleman has any proof that people have been waiting between six and ten weeks, I should be glad to investigate their claims personally.

Mr. Alexander: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Hamilton West and several other members wish to ask questions. We have already gone about five minutes beyond the time of the question period because I felt that hon. members who had been awaiting an opportunity to ask supplementaries should be given that opportunity. I believe we should now call orders of the day.

Mr. Rose: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the minister if he is prepared to receive some correspondence from my office on this point.

Farm Products Marketing Agencies Bill

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member might get together with the minister on this supplementary after orders of the day have been called.

Mr. Alexander: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I realize that I am transgressing on the time of the House. In view of the question asked by the hon. member for Fraser Valley West, which I think was extremely important, may I say that we are awaiting with great anxiety the statement that the minister intended to make regarding new machinery or new innovations which he has devised for expediting the payment of these claims.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Alexander: I was wondering if he would make that statement in the near future.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member cannot, five, seven or eight minutes after the question period has expired, seek the floor by way of raising a point of order in order to ask a supplementary. With respect, I suggest to the hon. member that that is not in order. If he has a point of order to raise, of course, it is the duty of the Chair to hear him and rule on the point. Orders of the day.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

FARM PRODUCTS MARKETING AGENCIES BILL

ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL MARKETING COUNCIL AND AGENCIES

The House resumed, from Tuesday, December 28, consideration of Bill C-176, to establish the National Farm Products Marketing Council and to authorize the establishment of national marketing agencies for farm products, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, and motions Nos. 1, 5 and 22 (Mr. Horner).

Mr. Speaker: When we adjourned last evening, I believe the hon. member for Skeena (Mr. Howard) had the floor.

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I think the House should also deal with the impact that inflation has upon the economic position of the farmer. The farmer can do relatively little to protect himself from inflation. Industry has no great difficulty in dealing with inflation; it merely increases prices. Advertising campaigns are aimed at increasing the marketability or effective demand of industrial products. A person working for wages as an industrial worker finds no great difficulty in coping with inflation. Any group of workers organized within a trade union have available to them, under the laws of Canada and of the provinces, collective bargaining rights through which they can extract in wages and fringe benefits some of the income that industry obtains through selling its products. The farmer is not in that enviable position. He cannot protect himself. He can do virtually nothing to advance his position. That is what we ought to be attempting to correct on a national scale.