

Oral Questions

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I am happy to inform the hon. member that we are offering to the provinces to set up control centres, with equipment and insecticides, and people who are willing to staff these centres, to make sure we are in a better position than we have ever been to control grasshoppers.

Mr. Knight: Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a quick supplementary to the minister who has shown great interest in the nutrition and diet of people not only in Canada but throughout the world.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Knight: Can the minister inform the House if his department, through its marketing agencies, is looking into the possibility of taking this high protein insect, which is a delicacy in many parts of the world, and turning it into a marketable commodity?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I gather that this is a representation.

Mr. Knight: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, although this may appear to be a preposterous question, I want to inform the House that grasshoppers are selling at \$3.10 a pound in Japan today.

Mr. Horner (Crowfoot): Maybe Goyer will buy them!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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INDIAN AFFAIRS**EXTENSION OF RURAL AND NATIVE HOUSING PROGRAM TO PEOPLE ON RESERVES**

Mr. Frank Oberle (Prince George-Peace River): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. In light of the recent announcement of his rural and native housing policy, for which my colleagues and myself have developed a degree of appreciation, I would like to ask him if he has had any discussions with the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Resources to extend this policy to native people living on reserves?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows, there have been some discussions at the official level. We amended the National Housing Act last session to provide that the programs under it could apply on Indian reserves. But the responsibility is essentially that of the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development for the building and provision of native housing on reserves. We have been having some discussions on the application of the new policy to reserves.

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Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for a supplementary, followed by the hon. member for Rimouski.

[Mr. Knight.]

Mr. Oberle: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. What steps is the minister taking to prepare the native community on the reservations to take advantage of this policy that would certainly establish a brand new philosophy of housing ownership and pride of ownership? What steps has the minister taken to inform the natives of the policy?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, discussions have started with the Indians, as my assistant deputy minister indicated in committee yesterday morning, and we have submitted concrete proposals to the Indian Council of Vancouver Island concerning a pilot project which combines the housing programs of my department with those of the Urban Affairs Ministry. We will have shortly a formal meeting with the representatives of the Indian Association of Canada to discuss a new housing policy for Indians living on reserves.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**POSSIBLE ORGANIZATION BY PARLIAMENT OF RECEPTION FOR ANGOLESE DELEGATION**

Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, but since he is absent, I will direct it to the Prime Minister.

The Canada University Service Overseas (CUSO) has hinted that an Angolese delegation will be in Canada from April 22 to April 30 and wants to organize an official reception for this delegation in the Parliament of Canada. CUSO is reported to have submitted a request to the Secretary of State for External Affairs a few weeks ago. Can the Prime minister tell us whether such a request has been received, whether he intends to answer or has answered it? If so, what was his answer?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. If this is really urgent, the hon. member can raise the matter again at the time of adjournment.

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[English]

GRAIN**FEED GRAIN—GOVERNMENT POLICY FOR NEXT CROP YEAR—ROLE OF CANADIAN LIVESTOCK FEED BOARD**

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the minister in charge of the Canadian Wheat Board. Since the minister has outlined at some length details of the governments feed grains proposals for August 1, 1974, the start of the new crop year, is it the government's intention to implement the proposals contained in the document that has been distributed which is entitled, "The Domestic Feed Grain Market"?