

and Drugs Act is found, proceedings are instituted according to the usual procedure.

[English]

Mr. Yewchuk: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I wonder whether the minister would assure the House that Canadians are indeed getting hamburger that is up to standard and no longer the contaminated material that was previously sold?

[Translation]

Mr. Lalonde: Mr. Speaker, quite obviously, it is impossible for me to give such assurance concerning each and every establishment throughout the country. All I can say is that every available inspector within my department is at work and makes regular inquiries into this field and that every time some offense is discovered, prosecutions take place or action is taken to correct the situation.

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[English]

TRANSPORT

ALLEGED PROVISION OF AIRCRAFT TO SUPPLY ENTERTAINERS FOR SASKATCHEWAN PRESS CLUB

Mr. Andy Hogan (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. Can the minister inform the House whether the Ministry of Transport provided an aircraft last month to take reporters and civil servants to Saskatoon to provide entertainment for the Saskatchewan Press Club?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): I will try to get the information, Mr. Speaker. I do not have it at this moment.

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FINANCE

SUGGESTED CONSIDERATION OF REFUNDABLE TAX ON WAGES AND PROFITS

Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. In preparation for his budget is the minister considering, instead of the mandatory controls he seems to feel may be necessary, a form of refundable tax on wages and profits that are above certain guidelines similar to that used during the Second World War.

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I am glad to have the hon. gentleman's point of view.

Oral Questions

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

PROPOSED CANADIAN SUPPORT FOR TEN-YEAR BAN ON KILLING OF WHALES

Mr. Joe Clark (Rocky Mountain): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of the Environment my question is directed to the Acting Prime Minister. It concerns the meeting of the International Whaling Commission scheduled for London in June. Since the present selective moratorium on whale killing to which Canada is a party, and which Canada supports, has the effect of only shifting the location of the kill and the species to be killed, and still drives whales toward extinction, will Canada at London press for a moratorium which will honour the unanimous agreement of the Stockholm Conference, of which Canada was also a party, for a ten-year ban on all whaling.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. gentleman for the suggestion. It is a serious one and I will see that it is conveyed to the minister.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

DATE OF APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY ON THE SUPREME COURT OF NEWFOUNDLAND

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Justice I wonder whether I could direct my question to the Acting Prime Minister. Is the Acting Prime Minister prepared to announce the appointment of a judge to fill a vacancy on the Supreme Court of the Province of Newfoundland.

An hon. Member: Jack Marshall.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, at the last cabinet meeting we did approve some appointments. I am not quite certain whether these included a judge for Newfoundland, but as soon as the appointment is made it will certainly be announced.

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AIR CANADA

ISSUANCE OF FREE PASSES TO TRAVEL AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES—INQUIRY AS TO GOVERNMENT APPROVAL

Mr. Bob Brisco (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact that the directors and staff of the Society for the Study of the Heritage of Canada admitted in bankruptcy testimony that they travelled across Canada and to Europe both first class and economy on free passes issued by Air Canada, would the minister inform the House if the issuance of free passes to travel agencies and others is a general practice of Air Canada endorsed by the minister?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I think it is a general practice of all airlines to