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### YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

#### INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENTS

**Mr. Bill Attewell (Don Valley East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Solicitor General. Yesterday he announced plans for a major overhaul of the Young Offenders Act. While I applaud his swift action in preparing these draft proposals, I would remind him that time is of the essence to remedy the problems society is facing because of the many flaws in the Act. How soon will the Minister bring the required legislation into Parliament?

**Hon. Perrin Beatty (Solicitor General of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, I have now had a chance to meet with those people who have to work with the Young Offenders Act. I have listened to them. It is apparent to me that the Act is in need of reform. I intend to introduce legislation in Parliament as soon as possible after I have met with my provincial colleagues. Having done that, I will be seeking the co-operation of members of the Opposition to have this legislation passed before the summer recess.

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### FOOD AND DRUGS

#### USE OF ILLEGAL DRUG TO INJECT CALVES

**Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. It concerns the 12,000 veal calves which were injected with the illegal anabolic steroid, trembolone acetate. Yesterday the Minister of Agriculture did not explain why the animals were allowed to be injected with this illegal drug or why 2,000 carcasses of adulterated meat were allowed to be sold. Could the Minister explain why his Department allowed this illegal drug to be imported into Canada in such large quantities?

**Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I want to tell the Hon. Member—and with his background I think he will know this—that Health and Welfare did not approve the importation of TA, nor did the Department of Agriculture approve its importation. It is an illegal drug in Canada, and it is for that reason that it came under the Food and Drug Act and is being investigated by the Department and the appropriate authorities.

#### LEGALIZATION INQUIRY

**Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the very large volume of animals injected with this drug, has the

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Minister received any representation from his cabinet colleagues to legalize the drug retroactively?

**Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, that is not the manner in which caucus has approached these questions. Rather, the drug is illegal and that is why the Minister of Agriculture took action. That is why we are taking action. That is why we are using whatever authority we have. The point is that there has not been any of that representation, and I hope his question is not of the same nature.

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### INVESTMENT CANADA

#### PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF CINEPLEX ODEON BY UNITED STATES CORPORATION

**Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview-Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister responsible for Investment Canada. It concerns the 33 per cent acquisition of Cineplex Odeon on the part of MCA in the United States. Would the Minister agree that this shows that there is a serious loophole in the regulations, when this 33 per cent makes the operation a majority shareholder and is *de facto* control? Does he plan to do anything about it?

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**Hon. Sinclair Stevens (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, we in Investment Canada have of course noted the proposed acquisition to which the Hon. Member has referred. Our staff have had certain discussions with the legal representatives of the company concerned. I can only tell you at the present time that no application has been made to Investment Canada. There has been no ruling sought as to whether this is a reviewable item, and we will be asking the company to give us more detail of what their plans are.

#### FILM INDUSTRY—TASK FORCE REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

**Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview-Greenwood):** My supplementary on the same issue is directed to the Minister of Communications. I wonder if he would tell us what he plans to do about this, if he sees that this is a contradiction—assuming the acquisition goes through—of the Canadianization policy in the film distribution industry, and if this might light a fire under him to do something about the recommendations of the report of the task force on the film industry.

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**Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of Communications):** As indicated by the Minister responsible for Investment Canada, Mr. Speaker, we will have first to look into this aspect of the issue and then decide together whether it is necessary to deal with the second part of the question.