

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

mentary committee and we are continuing the study of election expenses. The problem here is in fitting this important piece of legislation into the over-all legislative program. That is now under consideration and we will be reaching a decision soon as to what the legislative program for the next session of Parliament will be.

**Mr. Benjamin:** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the government House leader if he will consider consulting with the House leaders of the other parties with a view to obtaining agreement in advance for rapid action on any legislation that the government will bring in?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member has made his representation.

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[Translation]

**AGRICULTURE****POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF UNITED STATES DISC PROGRAM ON EXPORTS AND IMPORTS**

**Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture.

Since a joint committee of members of the American Senate and Congress are preparing a bill on the marketing of farm products and the marketing and prices of Canadian farm products will certainly be affected, can the hon. minister tell us whether, when drafting Bill C-176 on the marketing of Canadian farm products, his department or the government has taken these facts into consideration in order to prevent adverse effects for Canadian exporters and producers?

[English]

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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**SPORTS****BARRING OF CANADIAN HOCKEY TEAMS BY BUNNY AHEARNE FROM PARTICIPATION IN GAMES IN EUROPE**

**Mr. Len Marchand (Kamloops-Cariboo):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare arising out of a story that appeared today which said that Mr. Bunny Ahearne is barring certain Canadian teams from participating in tournaments in Europe, even though these teams were invited by certain countries. I would ask the minister to find out if any bylaws are being broken and to see if any way can be found for these teams to participate in these games in which they were invited to participate.

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I will be pleased to look into the situation.

**Mr. Paproski:** Look into the NHL as well.

[Later:]

**Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill):** Mr. Speaker, my question is supplementary to that asked by the hon. member

[Mr. MacEachen.]

for Kamloops-Cariboo of the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Since the so-called czar of European hockey, Bunny Ahearne, is using intimidation on host clubs in Europe, would the minister use his good offices and take this matter up with the Dutch embassy and the Belgium embassy in order that these clubs may meet their obligations to the Kamloops club?

**Mr. Munro:** Mr. Speaker, that suggestion is worthy of consideration. However, I would say that past experience with Bunny Ahearne would indicate that I do not have that much influence with him.

**GRANT TO SPORT PARTICIPATION CANADA—  
INVESTIGATION OF ABUSES IN AMATEUR HOCKEY**

**Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe):** Mr. Speaker, will the minister advise the House whether the government has made a grant of \$350,000 to Sport Participation Canada, as indicated in the press? Will he also advise whether there is an agreement with the provinces to establish a committee to look into abuses prevalent in amateur hockey?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, if I may deal with the latter question first, yes, the provinces have agreed with the federal government to have their officials meet with our own over the course of the next four or five weeks to make recommendations as to what joint action can be taken to deal constructively with many of these abuses in hockey.

As to the hon. member's first question, yes, we have made an initial grant to this body, which is made up principally of people from the private area, to enable them to raise funds from private sources, to call on the private sector and, through the resources of the media, to stimulate motivation for the holding of Canadian sports events.

**Mr. Marshall:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the minister agree to make any further announcements of such importance in the House in order to give members of the opposition an opportunity to respond?

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**CANADA LABOUR CODE****SURVEY OF HOW OTHER NATIONS DEAL WITH  
TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE BEFORE DRAFTING OF BILL**

**Mr. Stan Schumacher (Palliser):** Mr. Speaker, may I address a question to the Minister of Labour. Did the minister undertake any type of survey on how other nations handle technological change through the collective bargaining process before Bill C-253 was drafted. If so, was the bill patterned in any way on the experience of any other nation or nations?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. We have studied the labour laws and codes of all other industrialized nations. In the United States, for instance, we have found that a collective agreement can be opened on any issue at any time if there is normal advance notice. In Canada it is just the opposite.