

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I will certainly give serious consideration to the recommendation of the right hon. gentleman. It is perhaps a little unusual to look at the constitutional validity of a bill when it is still in bill form, but in this particular case there is a declaration by the Saskatchewan government that it will be made retroactive to last April 1 when it is eventually passed.

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IMMIGRATION**INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION**

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, in the absence from the House of the Minister of Manpower and Immigration I should like to direct my question to the President of the Privy Council. Does the government intend to bring in legislation to remedy the horrendous mess in the field of immigration which has resulted from government inaction over the years?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That question is obviously not acceptable from a procedural standpoint. It is an argument.

Mr. Brewin: May I substitute another question, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker: I doubt that it is entirely in order or in keeping with the traditions of the House to ask a question which the hon. member must know is out of order and then ask permission to ask another question. I will make an exception in favour of the hon. member in this case and allow him to ask another question.

• (1450)

Mr. Brewin: I will rephrase the question, Mr. Speaker. Does the government intend to do anything about the situation that has arisen in the field of immigration? Does it intend to bring in legislation soon on that subject?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): The answer is yes. When the legislation will be brought in is uncertain at the moment, whether in this session or the next—probably the next.

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[Translation]

NATIONAL PARKS**RECRUITMENT OF WORKERS IN PARK DE LA MAURICIE**

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Do the managers of the Mauricie national park follow directives from the minister when they recruit their employees exclusively through the Manpower Centre in Shawinigan, which does not serve at all the Champlain constituency where 75 per cent of the park is geographically located?

[Mr. Diefenbaker.]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, the declaration of the hon. member is not entirely true. They are also in touch with the Manpower Centre in Grand'Mère which covers part of the Champlain constituency. In any case, the minister in charge of this department is not the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development but the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

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[English]

GRAIN**RAPSEED—SUGGESTED RECONSIDERATION OF QUOTAS FOR DELIVERY TO DOMESTIC CRUSHERS**

Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the minister in charge of the Canadian Wheat Board. Is the minister prepared to reconsider his position and the position of the Canadian Wheat Board with regard to the delivery quotas for rapeseed, particularly for rapeseed delivered to domestic mills for crushing into rapeseed oil and rapeseed meal?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): The exact quotas both to producers and elevators, Mr. Speaker, and producers at processing plants are a matter which is handled by the Canadian Wheat Board and which is considered and reconsidered by them constantly in order to ensure that appropriate supplies are available to processors consistent with the principle that, generally speaking, equitable delivery opportunities should be offered to all producers in the prairie region.

Mr. Horner: Is the minister aware that deliveries are not equitable to the domestic crushing mills, and has he considered the constitutional question with regard to the delivery of a product to a processing plant in the same province and his authority to intervene in that regard?

Mr. Lang: A variety of legal questions touching on that matter have been raised and brought to my attention. I know of nothing that is going on that can be attacked on legal grounds.

ACTION TO RE-ESTABLISH INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT

Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Justice who is responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board. In light of recent discussions held between top level agricultural spokesmen for both Canada and the United States with respect to the re-establishment of the International Wheat Agreement, what initiative, if any, is the Canadian government taking to re-establish this agreement which is so important to world wheat producers?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, we discussed this matter on a bilateral and multilateral basis with the other countries. There is an arrangement within the present International Grains Arrangement for the working body to agree at any time to reconvene a meeting and to attempt to establish fair pricing. That would be the