

Board. Has the Canadian Wheat Board made any decision on an additional alternative delivery point for farmers faced with the disappearance of their original alternative delivery point because of the sale of Federal Grain Limited to the prairie wheat pools?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, I have asked the Canadian Wheat Board to give quick consideration to this situation but at the moment I do not have a reply from them.

**Mr. Murta:** Since this is a very urgent matter for the farmers affected, I should like to ask the minister specifically when an announcement will be made by the Wheat Board on whether farmers will be able to deliver to an alternative delivery point?

**Mr. Lang:** Mr. Speaker, I would imagine that the Wheat Board would announce this as soon as they have made a decision.

#### ALBERTA FEED GRAINS COMMISSION—CO-ORDINATION OF EFFORTS AND POLICIES WITH FEDERAL AGENCY

**Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar):** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the fact the Alberta government has moved to set up a feed grains commission, can the minister tell the House whether discussions have taken place between the Alberta government and himself or the Canadian Wheat Board on how the two agencies will co-ordinate their efforts and policies?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions about the general problem of lower prices for feed grains. I am not aware of any discussion about the actual operation of the proposed commission and co-ordination. The announcement by the Alberta government does not give any details about how it will operate.

**Mr. Gleave:** Can the minister inform the House when or if he is going to release the study on grain handling and transportation and whether it has anything to say about the over-all efficiency of having a Canadian Wheat Board, a federal feed grain agency and a provincial feed grain agency all involved in the marketing of grain at the same time?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I would think the second part of the hon. member's supplementary is argumentative.

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[Translation]

#### CRIMINAL CODE

##### AMENDMENT RESPECTING GAMBLING—PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIONS—GOVERNMENT INTENTION

**Hon. Martial Asselin (Charlevoix):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Justice.

#### Inquiries of the Ministry

Can he indicate whether he has received from certain provinces a request to amend the Criminal Code in order to allow those wishing to do so to establish within their boundaries an off-track betting system or any other gambling activities, particularly casinos? If so, can the minister tell us what the response of the government has been?

• (1430)

[English]

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, there have been some requests and discussions with provincial ministers about this subject. We have indicated to them a willingness to look at the matter and to develop some early legislative solutions concerning it, without being able to give any precise dates at this time for that action.

[Translation]

**Mr. Asselin:** Mr. Speaker, can the Minister of Justice assure the House that legislation to amend the Criminal Code on the matters I have mentioned will be introduced during this session so that the provinces may be allowed to implement their objectives?

[English]

**Mr. Lang:** Mr. Speaker, I do not think it is likely that this can be done in the present session. I understand that some provinces now consider it an urgent matter although I believe they took a different view when the legislation touching on this subject was before the House only a year or two ago.

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#### NATIONAL PARKS

##### POLICY RESPECTING COMMERCIALISM—NATURE OF FEDERAL PARTICIPATION IN LAKE LOUISE PROJECT

**Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Since the stated policy of the minister and of his predecessor has been that there should be no additional commercialism in the national parks, has that policy been changed recently, or is the Esso Lake Louise project a special case?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member had looked into the matter, he would have realized that the Lake Louise project has been in operation for many years and that commercial activities in that area have been going on for more than 40 years.

[English]

**Mr. Rose:** Is there any particular federal participation in the Esso Lake Louise project? If so, what is the nature of this federal participation?

[Translation]

**Mr. Chrétien:** Mr. Speaker, there is no direct participation from the federal government. It is a site that has been developed over several years to receive facilities. We have called for tenders on two occasions for this development