PUBLIC WORKS

AUTHORITY OF MR. GALLACHER TO SERVE EVICTION NOTICES TO PROPERTY OWNERS IN PICKERING AREA

Mr. Ron Huntington (Capilano): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Public Works. Can the minister advise if Mr. E. J. Gallacher, an employee of the Department of Public Works, was acting under authority granted by the Governor in Council and the minister when he served eviction notices which were worded "immediate surrender" to those owners whose land the department wishes to expropriate in the Pickering area?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I would be glad to ascertain whether he was or was not.

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HEALTH

REASON FOR FAILURE TO ADVISE ONTARIO OF CONDITION OF FISH STORED AT GRASSY NARROWS RESERVE

Mr. Cyril Symes (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare concerning the fish problem on the Grassy Narrows Reserve. In view of the fact that Mr. David Eckhart, an environmental health officer with the minister's department, visited Grassy Narrows Indian Reserve on May 18, found the fish stored in the freezer not in good condition and advised the Indians not to eat them, why did the department not advise the Ontario ministry of natural resources of the problem, since that department is responsible for the maintenance of the freezer?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member is misinformed. First, the visit in question did not take place on May 18, but on May 17. During his visit the inspector realized that the fish were not kept under proper conditions and he gave instructions that different methods be used to keep the fish in that freezer. At that time there seemed to be no indication that the fish was unfit for human consumption, even though the refrigerating conditions under which it was kept were not adequate. I have no indication that the official advised the Indians at that time that the fish was unfit for consumption. A further inspection of the fish was carried out later, around May 25, at which time the conclusion reached was that the fish was unfit for consumption, but not on May 17 or 18 as the hon. member's question indicated. It would appear that certain developments occurred in the meantime.

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POST OFFICE

FINES ASSESSED UNION MEMBERS WHO DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN STRIKE—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Arnold Malone (Battle River): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Postmaster General, and it is with regard to last fall's postal strike. In view of the fact that the Postmaster General gave a number of post office locals written assurance that they would not be subject to pressure tactics or harassment, does the minister now approve of the fact that those members of locals which were suspended from the union are still having union dues subtracted from their pay cheques, plus an additional $10 per person this past month?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Postmaster General): Mr. Speaker, I do not approve of it. The question of union dues, however, comes under the Rand formula, and that means that a non-union member who, however, wants the protection of the union must pay the regular dues. In so far as the $10 fine per month levied by that union is concerned, I think this practice, frankly, is despicable.

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FRESHWATER FISH MARKETING CORPORATION

ALLEGED FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH PROVISIONS OF ACT—GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. Dean Whiteway (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State (Fisheries). It has to do with the matter I brought to his attention on several occasions in this House. It has to do with the Freshwater Fish Marketing Act Part III, section 23(2). Could the minister now tell the House whether he has consulted the Solicitor General and whether the Solicitor General will proceed with charges because of the obvious violation of the law with reference to that section of the act?

Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of State (Fisheries)): Mr. Speaker, I will have to look into the file to see what point this matter has reached.

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AGRICULTURE

POSSIBILITY OF TARIFF PROTECTION FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GROWERS

Mr. Bob Wenman (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Agriculture. There was a tragic waste of hundreds of tons of cauliflower and other vegetables produced in the Fraser Valley last year. Is it the intention of the government to protect the fruit and vegetable industry of British Columbia through the imposition of adequate tariff structures during the current production season?

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Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, the tariffs that are in effect in Canada during the crop production year are agreed upon by the producers organizations through consultation with the Canadian Horticultural Society and then in consultation with the federal government. I have had no representation that I can think of so far this year concerning the crops that the hon. member mentioned.