

nue. In so far as the \$6 million is concerned to which the hon. member has made reference, there is no suggestion in the Auditor General's report that this is money owing to the government.

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BROADCASTING

SALE OF RADIO STATION, CKSB, WINNIPEG, TO CBC— REQUEST THAT DECISION BE SET ASIDE AND REHEARING HELD IN WINNIPEG

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State. Is he aware of a petition to the Governor in Council, which has been presented to the government, asking that approval by the Canadian Radio-Television Commission of the CBC takeover of radio station CKSB, Winnipeg, be set aside and that the matter be referred back to the commission for a rehearing to be held in Winnipeg where all interested groups could be heard? If so, what decision has been made on this matter?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of such a petition but I will check with my office. It may be that the petition has been sent to the Minister of Communications.

Mr. Yewchuk: Would the minister give the House his assurance at this time that section 38 of the Official Languages Act will be enforced in respect of this takeover and that the established and customary rights of ethnic groups will not be violated, not only during the next 12 months but thereafter?

Mr. Faulkner: Mr. Speaker, I do not think I can comment on that question at this time. I am prepared to discuss it with the hon. member. I do want to tell him that I have now received the petition. Several copies have just been placed on my desk.

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COMMUNICATIONS

DISPUTE RESPECTING JURISDICTION—DISCUSSION WITH QUEBEC MINISTER AND PREMIER BOURASSA

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Communications.

In view of the serious difficulties between the Quebec and the federal governments with regard to telecommunications, and as the federal minister stated that he is quite willing to let the dispute go before the courts for a settlement if need be, can he tell us whether, in the interest of both parties, he will try to meet again his opposite number for Quebec before the matter has to be solved before the courts?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Minister of Communications): Yes, Mr. Speaker. My statement on motions last week did contain an indication to that effect.

Oral Questions

Mr. La Salle: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary.

The Quebec premier having spent the last two or three days in Ottawa, did the minister take advantage of the situation to discuss this matter with him?

Mr. Pelletier (Hochelaga): No, Mr. Speaker. The Quebec premier, like all other provincial premiers who were here, looked very busy. Anyway, I had learned that the Quebec Minister of Communications was abroad when I made my statement. He will be returning to Canada very soon.

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[English]

AGRICULTURE

INCREASE IN FARM MACHINERY PRICES—POSSIBLE INVESTIGATION BY FOOD PRICES REVIEW BOARD— MEASURES TO CONTROL

Mr. Jim Balfour (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs my question is for the Acting Prime Minister. In light of the position of the three prairie ministers that recent price increases on farm machinery are not justified, does the government intend to instruct the Food Prices Review Board to investigate farm input costs and, as a high priority, present farm machinery prices?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that the terms of reference of the proposed board do not encompass that question. If it were to be extended in that direction it would, of course, lose its character which is to deal with the food prices.

Mr. Balfour: Would the minister tell the House whether the government is prepared to establish price guidelines for farm machinery and is it prepared to act with the provinces to control farm machinery prices if necessary?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, we will take that suggestion under consideration.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

KAMLOOPS RESERVE—LEGALITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT ACTION TO INCORPORATE PORTION WITHIN CITY LIMITS

Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In view of the fact the government of British Columbia has by order in council and against vigorous protests by the people involved moved to incorporate part of the Indian reservation in Kamloops within the city limits of Kamloops, has the minister consulted with the Minister of Justice concerning the legality of such a move?