

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

[English]

**POWER****SKAGIT RIVER—DECISION BY SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL TO PROCEED WITH PROJECT—GOVERNMENT ACTION**

**Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, this question is addressed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the fact that the Seattle City Council voted last Monday to proceed with the power project which will result in the flooding of the Skagit River valley, can the minister state what federal action is contemplated to stop this project from proceeding?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Not yet, Mr. Speaker.

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[Translation]

**CANADIAN FILM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION****GRANT FOR PRODUCTION OF FILM "DEUX FEMMES EN OR"—PAYMENT OF FEES TO MICHEL CHARTRAND**

**Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question I wish to ask the Secretary of State.

Considering that he is the minister responsible to Parliament for the Canadian Film Development Corporation which subsidized the production of the motion picture entitled "Deux femmes en or", and considering that in this picture Michel Chartrand gives an outrageous portrayal of the Canadian judiciary, is the Secretary of State in a position to assert before this House that the Corporation has now paid Michel Chartrand's fees for the part he played?

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[English]

**GRAIN****RETENTION OF TEMPORARY WHEAT RESERVES ACT**

**Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration who is responsible to the House for the Canadian Wheat Board. Now that it has become generally apparent that farmers and farm organizations insist that the Temporary Wheat Reserves Act remain in effect, will the minister give the House the assurance that this in fact will be the case?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, once again the premise of the hon. member is wrong. I have had meetings with producers and producer organizations as recently as yesterday. We discussed the proposals we have put forward and their priorities in respect of the kind of things which should be done. We will be proceeding with the development of these proposals in the future.

[Mr. Pelletier.]

**INSTITUTION OF STABILIZATION FUND PROPOSAL ON VOLUNTARY BASIS**

**Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville):** Mr. Speaker, having regard to the recommendation outlined in the task force report on agriculture, in which it is stated that the grain stabilization proposal should be instituted on a voluntary rather than on a compulsory basis, has the minister responsible for the Wheat Board considered proceeding with such a program on a voluntary basis?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Generally speaking, the representatives of the farmers and farm groups have not suggested a voluntary basis for the program, which would in fact make it more difficult to operate. Indeed, the representations in respect of the stabilization fund have tended to be to extend its operation so that it covers more grain for more farmers.

**PRODUCTION AND RECEIPTS POLICY—ACCEPTANCE OF MANITOBA AND SASKATCHEWAN WHEAT POOL PROPOSALS**

**Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the opinions expressed by the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool and the Manitoba Wheat Pool and the specific changes they are requesting in the ministers' proposals, is the minister going to accept any of these proposals or make any modifications to the plan in light of these requests?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, representatives of those organizations were included in the meetings held yesterday and as a result of those meetings we are considering the development of the proposals as I indicated earlier. I am not sure I know what particular proposals the hon. member may be referring to since there a number of different sets in respect of the proposals as a whole.

**SPREAD IN RAPESEED PRICES—UNDERTAKING BY WINNIPEG GRAIN EXCHANGE TO CORRECT SITUATION**

**Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the minister in charge of the Wheat Board. In view of the statement he made in the House a few days ago and the question I asked him in respect of rapeseed futures and the manipulation that was going on in the market, can he now tell us whether he has received any undertaking by the Winnipeg Grain Exchange to correct the situation that has existed?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** I have nothing to report to the House at this time, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Gleave:** As a supplementary—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I will return to the hon. member in a moment. The hon. member for Sainte-Marie.