

Inquiries of the Ministry

with top level officials of the Versatile company with a view to having this expansion take place in Canada rather than in the United States?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I think I gave the hon. member all the information I had at the time, but I will check. I hope that Versatile will also review its position bearing in mind the advantages that were contained in the budget of last Monday.

Mr. Baldwin: The minister has got to be kidding.

Mr. Mazankowski: In view of the minister's answer and since the president of the company has indicated that the DISC program was not the major, determining factor in this decision being taken, would the minister personally intervene and take an active interest in setting up meetings at once with the president and vice-president of Versatile with a view to having this plant expand in Canada rather than in the United States?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That of course, is a representation to the minister.

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POST OFFICE

POSSIBLE RESTORATION OF SATURDAY MAIL DELIVERY

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Postmaster General. Can the minister tell the House whether he intends to reintroduce six-day letter carrier delivery in the urban areas of Canada? I ask this question in view of the minister's remarks in Vancouver.

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General): Mr. Speaker, I answered that question in the House a couple of weeks ago.

Mr. Nesbitt: Mr. Speaker, the minister indicates that he has already given a reply in the House some two weeks ago. I am aware of that. I was wondering whether the minister could perhaps give some further clarification at this time in view of his comments two weeks ago.

Mr. Côté (Longueuil): No, Mr. Speaker.

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FILMS

PROTEST AGAINST CANADIAN FILM, "WOW", AND SHOWING IN VIENTIANE, LAOS

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State and has to do with the recent film festival in Laos and the showing in April in Vientiane of a 90-minute Canadian government film, entitled "Wow", in which a number of actors illustrate the dreams they experienced while under the influence of marijuana. As many members of the diplomatic corps as well as others could not take 90 minutes of this drivel and walked out during the showing, may I ask the minister if he was aware of the showing, is this the gov-

[Mr. Mazankowski.]

ernment's way of portraying the good life in Canada, and is taxpayers' money to be spent in this manner?

Mr. Baldwin: Was the Minister of Finance in the film?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I could not endorse the esthetic judgments of the hon. member, whether accurate or not, I could not say, for I have not seen the film. However, the hon. member must know that all the films of the National Film Board are stocked with the various embassies throughout the world and that a committee of the NFB authorizes the participation of its own films in festivals throughout the world where they win many trophies.

I did not know the film "Wow" had been sent to Vientiane; I have just learned it. Should the hon. member ask me to have an inquiry made into the consequences of the viewing of that film at the festival, I should be happy to oblige.

[English]

Some hon. Members: Wow!

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HOUSING

REQUEST FOR TABLING OF REPORT ON LOW-INCOME HOUSING

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs in charge of housing. Some two weeks ago I asked whether he would table in the House the final report on low-income housing of the Dennis committee. At that time he said he had not received it. I am sure he must have received it by now; I understand it was sent to his office some time ago. Has he received it, and will he table that report in the House?

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Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Professor Dennis is still editing the report, as I made clear in the committee on the estimates the other day.

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AGRICULTURE

GRASSLAND INCENTIVE PROGRAM—AVAILABILITY OF GRANTS TO FARMERS THIS YEAR

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I had a question for the Minister of Agriculture who was supposed to have been here today. I have given notice to the department, and in the minister's absence perhaps the parliamentary secretary might provide an answer. Can any information be given to farmers concerning the grassland incentive program? Have there been any changes introduced as a result of last year's operations? There is some confusion. Some farmers are not certain whether they should apply or whether it is still possible for them to get grants this year.