

without the fear of interception, and it is for that precise reason that the amendments are being proposed. With the greatest respect to the Advocates Society of Ontario I do not understand that submission.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Justice and I are good friends, but I think what he said today was tommyrot. In light of the decision in the Wray case in the Supreme Court of Canada that any evidence which is relevant is admissible and in light of the fact that unauthorized wiretapping is going on—and we have no way of determining to what extent—I ask the minister again whether he will repent, stop the rhetoric and give us an answer.

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HEALTH

SWINE INFLUENZA VACCINATION PROGRAM—POSSIBILITY OF REINTRODUCTION—REASON FOR SHORTAGE OF RUBELLA VACCINE

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. According to figures provided by his department almost ten million doses of swine 'flu vaccine were prepared for the 1976 season but less than six million doses were sent to the provinces. Would the minister tell the House what happened to the remaining four million doses and what he plans to use them for—if he knows where they are? Since there has been a death from swine 'flu in the United States recently, does he intend introducing a swine 'flu vaccination program for this year as well?

[Translation]

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, the quantity of vaccine referred to by the hon. member is kept in stock and a review of the situation is made regularly. The case reported in the United States has been investigated and it seems that it is a known case of New Jersey type flu. But we feel there is no reason yet to launch another vaccination campaign. However, if other cases were reported in the next few months, we probably should restart the program.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Order. Order please. I wonder if I might be able to hear the questions and answers, please. The hon. member for Athabasca has a supplementary question.

Mr. Yewchuk: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister explain why the country is currently experiencing a shortage of rubella or German measles vaccine? Is it because the Canadian facilities were all turned to the packaging and processing of swine 'flu vaccine? The shortage has been so severe that no province has been able to obtain adequate supplies for the last three months. In view of the risk of deformities in children that may occur if German measles is contracted in the early stages of pregnancy, what is the minister going to do about this problem?

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[Translation]

Mr. Lalonde: Mr. Speaker, I can say to the hon. member that the reason for the shortage is not related to the production of the New Jersey type vaccine involved last fall. As to what the present situation is, I shall inquire and gladly report to the hon. member at the first opportunity.

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[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

ARRANGEMENTS WITH UNITED STATES FOR FISHING RIGHTS ON GEORGES BANK—REQUEST FOR PROGRESS REPORT

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the fact that the United States and Canada agreed to a status quo arrangement regarding the Georges Bank only for this year, an arrangement which I understand has not yet been ratified by the United States Congress, can the minister indicate if he has "lit a fire" to use his own words, under the negotiators on both sides through his special representative who I believe has been appointed in place of Mr. Beasley and if so, will he inform the House of the progress being made to resolve the ownership of this bank whose resources of ground-fish, scallops and deepsea lobster are worth many millions of dollars annually to Canadian fishermen?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I am very glad to give a progress report. The preliminary negotiations have been continuing and as the hon. member says the "fire" is burning a little more brightly on our side than on the United States side. I was advised by the State Department a few days ago that they must undertake a series of preliminary discussions with their regional councils and other departments which they now believe will be finished in short order. This means that the actual negotiations should soon begin and I estimate this will take place before the end of the month or certainly early in July.

ARRANGEMENTS WITH UNITED STATES FOR FISHING RIGHTS ON GEORGES BANK—POSSIBILITY OF THIRD COUNTRY MEDIATION

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): In light of the uncertainty hanging over the fishing industry in Canada and the United States—an uncertainty which I submit hampers the future progress and development of the industry—as a result of this impasse, has the minister given any thought to calling on a third country to assist in mediating this dispute?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the interim agreement to which the hon. member referred was agreed to sometime ago and, as he said, is now in the process of going through the United States Congress. It has a provision in it that if agreement has not been reached by the end of this year or if it is apparent toward