

Oral Questions

[English]

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, the minister is obviously not aware that this process has already gone through the conciliation procedure. Since it had been government policy up to the present to offer prevailing rates to these tradesmen and since on this occasion the offer to the ship repair unit of 12 per cent and 8.6 per cent in a two year contract with no COLA clause falls well below the prevailing rates, has Treasury Board changed its policy in order to conform with the consensus formula developed by the Minister of Finance or for some other reason?

[Translation]

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, as everybody knows, we do not negotiate in the House of Commons; we do so at the negotiation table.

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[English]

INDIAN AFFAIRS

COMPLAINTS ABOUT SOCIAL SERVICES IN CALGARY—
GOVERNMENT POSITION ON OFFER OF ALBERTA
ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS TO CONDUCT INQUIRY

Mr. Wally Firth (Northwest Territories): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development concerning complaints Indian people in Calgary have about his department's office in that city. A great many of the complaints these people have centre on the delivery of social services from the Calgary Indian Affairs office. The Alberta Association of Social Workers has offered to conduct an independent inquiry into these complaints, and I would like to know if the minister is willing to let the association go ahead with such an inquiry.

Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, that particular request is something I will have to consider. As the hon. member is aware, we have agreed to fund this group in Calgary, the Calgary Urban Treaty Alliance, on the condition that there be some assistance as well from the provincial government. We have made this offer to the CUTA group in Calgary.

POSSIBILITY OF MOVING CALGARY OFFICE—GOVERNMENT
POSITION

Mr. Wally Firth (Northwest Territories): A supplementary question. Has the minister reconsidered his department's decision to move the Calgary office away from the part of town where most of the Indian people live?

Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, again this is a matter I will have to look into.

[Mr. Chrétien.]

HUMAN RIGHTS

SUGGESTED PROVISION IN LEGISLATION PROHIBITING
REFERENCE TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF ALLEGED CRIMINALS

Mrs. Ursula Appolloni (York South): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Justice. In view of the fact that today's *Globe and Mail* article on the Quebec meat situation cited the country of origin of alleged criminals, will the minister assure the House that his proposed bill on human rights will attack this deplorable practice on the grounds that it is racism, divisive and totally irrelevant to the point in question?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to take note of the hon. member's comment when looking at the final draft of the bill. Of course, the bill will have certain limitations having regard to the federal as against the provincial jurisdiction and certain other factors which are bound to have a bearing on the decision.

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Justice. Does the minister agree that his colleague's question would be answered if the minister would introduce this bill that has been rolling around for several years?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I anticipate having that kind of an answer before very long.

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AGRICULTURE

CANADIAN EGG MARKETING AGENCY—ALLEGATION
CERTAIN PROVINCES REFUSE TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH
AGENCY—GOVERNMENT POSITION ON IMPOSITION OF
CONTROLS

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. It has been reported that the agreement announced in April to delegate more powers and responsibilities to the Canadian Egg Marketing Agency is deteriorating. What specific action is the minister taking to rectify the situation in light of reports that British Columbia, Alberta and Quebec refuse to sign the agreement giving the Canadian Egg Marketing Agency the powers the minister feels are needed in order to operate the plan? Also, Ontario has agreed to sign, but has attached some very strict conditions to that signing.

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, the report I have from the egg marketing boards within the provinces is that some of them have placed certain riders on the agreement. These riders or clauses they have added to the agreement are being studied and will be reported to me as soon as a final opinion is made as to how they affect the agreement. Some provinces have signed the agreement in its original form. I disagree with the hon. member that the agency is about to fall apart. If they have ever been closer to running a proper program, I do not know when it has been.