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**HEALTH****UTILIZATION FEES TO PATIENTS FOR DOCTORS' SERVICES—DISCUSSIONS WITH PROVINCES**

**Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In light of the fact that the federal government introduced a national health care scheme, is the minister going to consult the provincial health ministers regarding meeting the increased cost of utilization fees to patients for doctors' services?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. This area is now under discussion and will be under discussion with the provinces more so during the course of the next few months.

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**FINANCE****AMENDMENT OF UNITED STATES INTEREST EQUALIZATION TAX TO COVER SHORT-TERM CAPITAL FLOWS—CANADIAN EXEMPTION**

**Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs of which I gave him warning, if not notice. I regret that my warning was short. Has it been ascertained that Canada will be exempt from an amendment to include short-term as well as long-term capital flows in the United States interest equalization tax, and is the government consulting United States officials on the whole matter? If so, when will a definitive announcement be made?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, Canada has been exempted from the application of the interest equalization tax and, so far as I know, from all the associated restrictions. My colleague the Minister of Finance was in Washington yesterday and I would suggest that if there are any questions on detail, they should be directed to him.

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**GRAIN****RESUMPTION OF NORMAL MOVEMENT TO WEST COAST PORTS AND SHIP LOADINGS**

**Mr. Cliff Downey (Battle River):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the minister in charge of the Wheat Board. Is the movement of grain again proceeding normally to west coast ports, and when will capacity ship loadings once again be in progress?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, the commissioner of the Wheat Board indicated to me today that he thought that by tomorrow we might be back to normal unloads. Yesterday 338 cars were unloaded at Vancouver.

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*Inquiries of the Ministry***PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS****PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND ACT PROHIBITING CERTAIN PUBLIC GATHERINGS—POSSIBILITY OF DISALLOWANCE**

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Justice a further question concerning the act to provide for the prohibition of certain public gatherings passed by the Prince Edward Island legislature yesterday? In view of the fact that this act seems to deny certain basic liberties that belong to all Canadians, will the government in its review of this matter consider the possibility of disallowing the act?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, I would not think that would be the remedy in any event. In the final analysis the courts would be the proper forum for challenging any act, if that challenge were on a constitutional basis.

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**GRAIN****BARLEY—SUGGESTED INCREASE IN INITIAL PRICE TO INDUCE GREATER PLANTING**

**Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the minister responsible to the House for the Canadian Wheat Board, and the urgency of my question is that the planting season is almost upon us. My question refers to the current initial prices established for wheat, oats and barley. In light of the 60 per cent increase in barley acreages required this year and the tendency of farmers to lean toward the production of more wheat because of price advantage, will the government consider raising the initial price of barley to increase the incentive to grow more of this grain in order to meet current markets?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I was very encouraged by the report from DBS that in fact farmers plan to increase their barley plantings to 14.4 million acres and to hold their wheat at 18.6 million acres. I should like to see further increases in barley acreage, but they are planning to plant sufficient barley to allow us to export at a pretty high level.

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**INFORMATION CANADA****INQUIRY AS TO TABLING OF REPORT, "COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRES"—GOVERNMENT ACTION**

**Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister without Portfolio in charge of Information Canada. Does the minister intend to table the report called "Community Information Centres", which has been circulated among the press? If so, when he tables the report, which I suppose will be after the Easter recess, will he inform the House what the government intends to do with the report, and in view of certain recommendations regarding the functions of these centres, does he intend to be Dorothy Dix's big brother or minister for Information Canada?