

Mr. Whelan: Call it program, early show or whatever you want to call it. I just recently said I hoped later today to get permission—I did not say I would get permission but was going to ask permission—to make an announcement about what we intend to do about aid to the beef producers of Canada.

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MANPOWER

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—CRITERIA FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

Mr. Cyril Symes (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration relating to earlier questions concerning Opportunities for Youth. With regard to the funding formula for manpower subregions is the number of youth registrations at Canada Manpower centres a criterion for allocation of funds for OFY and, if so, what is the weighted factor of this criterion?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I believe I set forth the formula in my letter to members. One-third of those funds are being distributed across the country through the 33 labour-management areas strictly on the basis of the population of young people between 15 and 25 years of age. The other two-thirds is to be distributed on a youth job availability index which reflects the population of youth in that age group and the availability of jobs for which they are qualified.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. We are reaching the end of the question period. Perhaps the Chair might recognize the hon. member for Central Nova for one question and then call orders of the day.

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PUBLIC SERVICE

REGIONAL PAY DIFFERENTIALS—REQUEST FOR ACTION TO CORRECT

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I will make it a very brief question to the head of the Treasury Board. Can the President of the Treasury Board say if he has any concrete action pending to reduce regional pay disparities for employees under Treasury Board jurisdiction in this country in view of the present inequitable situation?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, the question appears to be based rather on a misunderstanding—

Mr. MacKay: Not misunderstanding.

Mr. Drury: I correct that. I should have said lack of knowledge. As I indicated in the House the other day, it is the policy of the government to try to achieve local parity in wages and salaries rather than parity on a national standard.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

Price Control

Is the hon. member rising on a point of order?

Mr. Muir: On a supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member will appreciate that I refused a supplementary a moment ago to the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie so that I would have a chance to allow one question by the hon. member for Central Nova. I wonder whether we might allow, rather, a point of order to be raised by the hon. member for Medicine Hat, after which I will call orders of the day.

Mr. Hargrave: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My point of order relates to the remarks made by the Minister of National Health and Welfare about DES. I would like him to know that the implant form of DES is not only available in the United States but is in active use there and that in last week's 10,000 to 11,000 head of imports from that country and in this week's probable imports of 9,000 to 10,000 it is highly probable that some implanted cattle are coming into Canada right now.

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Mr. Lalonde: Mr. Speaker, on the same point of order, I do not want to leave this statement on the record unchallenged. I want to stress that I am informed that we do not anticipate that meat or live cattle that has received DES treatment in the United States would be available for export to Canada before at least the 1st of May this year. So if the hon. member has some cases in mind, perhaps he could bring them to my attention.

Mr. Speaker: This was not a point of order but a point of debate. I am sure the hon. member appreciates this and so does the minister.

Mr. Yewchuk: Mr. Speaker, I am sorry to take up the time of the House on this matter, but I rise on a question of privilege to express my displeasure at not being allowed to pursue a line of questioning which I wanted to develop. I feel that my right to speak in this House on behalf of the constituents of Athabasca has been denied. The line of questioning was one of some significance since it dealt with the matter of conflict of interest which I think is important not only to Athabasca but to the whole country, and I simply wanted to let you know that I was unhappy about it.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY S.O. 58—SUGGESTED IMPOSITION OF SELECTIVE PRICE CONTROLS AND ROLLBACK OF UNJUSTIFIED PRICE INCREASES

Mr. Terry Grier (Toronto-Lakeshore) moved:

That this House calls on the government to consider the immediate introduction of legislation designed to control selectively the prices of essential commodities and to give either to the government or to a