

*Privilege—Mr. Edwards*

officials in the Department, and I personally will be meeting with representatives of the industry in due course.

REQUEST THAT DIVIDEND WITHHOLDING TAX BE INCREASED

**Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor):** Mr. Speaker, specifically, will the Government increase the withholding tax on U.S. dividend outflows, a move which will be much more effective to get action on the shakes and shingles issue?

**Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance):** Well, Mr. Speaker, there are certain constraints in law by which we are bound and I am sure the Hon. Member would recognize what he has proposed falls into that category. If the Hon. Member is suggesting we break the law, I think he should rethink that one very carefully.

**Mr. Benjamin:** Bring in a Bill.

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[Translation]

## TELEVISION

FRENCH TELEVISION RIGHTS TO 1988 WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Communications, but in his absence I will direct it to the Acting Minister. French television rights to the 1988 Winter Olympic Games in Calgary have been awarded to the CTV network. In turn, the CTV network has awarded the French broadcasting rights in Canada to TVA, a Quebec private sector TV network.

How does the Minister or the Government intend to make sure that the 1988 Olympic Games French TV signal will be received by all francophone communities throughout Canada? Will Radio-Canada which has a national network be authorized to transmit the 1988 Olympic Games TV broadcast to communities of 500 or more residents?

[English]

**Mr. Jim Edwards (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Communications):** Mr. Speaker, the rights for broadcasting the 1988 Calgary Olympics are assigned by the Calgary Olympic Development Authority. I will take the question as notice and make sure the Minister of Communications is well aware of the situation, and an appropriate response will be forthcoming.

[Translation]

REQUEST FOR SOLUTION TO PROBLEM

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier):** Since TVA is a Quebec private sector network which does not serve francophone communities outside Quebec, at least not the western provinces nor the Maritimes, would the Parliamentary Secretary also make sure that this question will be discussed and that a solution to the problem will be found?

[English]

**Mr. Jim Edwards (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Communications):** Mr. Speaker, the Minister is aware of the limits to coverage area of TVA. However, I would point out to him that TVA is carried to many communities outside the province of Quebec through its carriage on the Cancom system to remote and under-served communities.

**Mr. Gauthier:** If you had a dish. You should have a dish.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Yorkton—Melville, one question.

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## TRADE

IMPACT OF PROPOSED U.S. FARM BILL ON CANADIAN AGRICULTURE

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton—Melville):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Deputy Prime Minister. A recent secret report of the U.S. Department of Agriculture which examined the impact of the U.S. Farm Bill on Canadian agriculture stated that the U.S. is cutting its prices in the world so other exporting countries such as Canada will produce less grain. Since we are now clearly one of the targets of the U.S. Farm Bill, can the Deputy Prime Minister tell us whether or not the Prime Minister told Vice-President Bush this morning that the U.S. Farm Bill will, as the U.S. farm report itself says, kill off the small family farm in Canada? Did he tell that to the Vice-President? Did he also tell the Vice-President not to target Canada?

• (1200)

**Hon. Erik Nielsen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, I am sure that kind of discussion has already been had by the Prime Minister with President Reagan. The Prime Minister has not spoken with Vice-President Bush this morning, but he will have that opportunity in—as a matter of fact, he is engaged in that opportunity at this very moment.

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## POINT OF ORDER

USE OF UNPARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Chair is in receipt of two notices of desires to raise questions of privilege. Since they are both the same, the Chair proposes to deal with the one the Chair received first. I think that is the only fair way to deal with the matter. Therefore, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Communications (Mr. Edwards).