

the way they are at present. They are very determined to do something now with regard to having a different kind of selling system. It would appear to be impractical to try to have anything different in force for this year. However, they are determined to have something in force for the coming crop year.

CANADIAN EGG MARKETING AGENCY—RESULTS OF CONSULTATIONS WITH PROVINCES ON FUTURE OF AGENCY

Mr. Bill Jarvis (Perth-Wilmot): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is for the Minister of Agriculture. Is the Minister in a position to advise whether at the conference that took place yesterday and today with his provincial counterparts there has been any consensus, unanimous or otherwise, regarding the Canadian Egg Marketing Agency? Also, will the minister at an early date advise the House as to the results of these discussions?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, the general consensus was that the vast majority were determined to make sure that CEMA stays alive. They want the national egg marketing program to continue. A statement will be made later this day regarding the annual meeting of CEMA and the federal-provincial meeting of ministers concerning this and other problems.

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HEALTH

ADMISSION OF FOREIGN STUDENTS TO MEDICAL SCHOOLS WHEN QUALIFIED CANADIANS DENIED ADMISSION—GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the urgency of this case as students are now being chosen for this fall's classes in medicine and the rising wrath of Canadians because their sons and daughters are being refused admittance to medical schools when qualified, while at the University of Toronto 26 per cent of this year's freshman class are not Canadian citizens, the cost per student being around \$75,000, which is paid by the Canadian taxpayer, of which the federal government pays 50 per cent, I would like to know what the minister proposes to do about this.

[Translation]

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member is certainly aware of the fact that universities are under provincial jurisdiction. If provincial governments disagree on that matter, it should be discussed, but as long as they consider that universities are under their jurisdiction, I do not intend to interfere in that field.

[English]

Mr. Rynard: Mr. Speaker, I would advise the minister that yesterday all three parties at Queen's Park agreed that something should be done about this, and the Ontario minister very definitely stated that if the federal government pays 50 per cent of the cost, it is their responsibility.

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Mr. Lalonde: Mr. Speaker, I would say this is a very nice way for the provincial government to wash its hands of the responsibility which is on its own doorstep.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lalonde: If it wants the federal government to intervene in this field and take over universities, they should do it in a formal way. We can then have discussions in the constitutional field.

Mr. Rynard: I would advise the Minister of National Health and Welfare that there is a medical manpower policy in this country and that the federal government controls it. I would further advise him that the federal government controls the taxing of the incomes of Canadians right across this country.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lalonde: Mr. Speaker, I disagree with the hon. member, at least as far as the first part of his statement is concerned.

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CRIMINAL CODE

PROPOSED DEBATE ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. John Reynolds (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Solicitor General. In view of the fact that so far this year murders have increased by about 100 per cent over last year, and in view of the mass of public opinion in Canada, will the minister seriously consider bringing capital punishment back into this House for debate so that once and for all this House of Commons can decide whether or not there will be capital punishment in this country?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I must say that I have had no information as yet with regard to the statistics for this year. I have no way of verifying the statistics the hon. member has given to the House. However, I should point out to him that before the end of 1977 the House will have to deal with the capital punishment issue. The hon. member will hear from the government on this matter in due course.

Mr. Reynolds: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I phoned the Solicitor General's office this morning to ask for these statistics. His department not only does not have the statistics for this year, but for last year as well. How can we learn what the problem is if the minister's own department does not have up-to-date statistics?

Mr. Allmand: Mr. Speaker, I rise on the same point of order. If the hon. member knew anything about the criminal justice system, he would know we have to get the statistics from the provinces, police forces and municipalities across this country.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!