

Oral Questions

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, at the moment I am not certain to which judgment the hon. member refers.

Mr. Oberle: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I suggest that the minister knows full well that I was referring to the judgment rendered against the government in the case of the wrongful dismissal of one Walter Rudnicki, a case in which the minister was intimately involved. Does the government intend ever to reinstate Mr. Rudnicki and take remedial action, in light of the allegations the judge underlined in his judgment?

Mr. Basford: Mr. Speaker, the judgment has been obeyed by the Government of Canada. The question of re-employment is not a matter for me; it is a matter for the minister who reports for the Public Service Commission of Canada.

Mr. Fairweather: It is also a matter of honour and morality.

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ENERGY**REQUEST FOR TABLING OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF URANIUM REFINERY IN SASKATCHEWAN**

Mr. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Since the Saskatchewan Economic Development Corporation, acting on behalf of Eldorado, has now acquired options in the Warman, Saskatchewan area near Saskatoon for the establishment of a uranium refinery, would the minister, in the spirit of openness mentioned in the Speech from the Throne, now table all documents from the province of Saskatchewan relating to the establishment of this refinery, instead of keeping the matter wrapped in the kind of secrecy which would be appropriate to wartime?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I believe there have been preliminary discussions between Eldorado and the province of Saskatchewan. I am not sure that the discussions have yet moved to the point where it would be useful to table documents. I can tell the hon. member that when the time comes, I will be pleased to table them, provided we also get the approval of the province of Saskatchewan.

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST**REASON FOR FAILURE OF NEW MINISTERS TO COMPLY WITH REGULATIONS**

Mr. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Acting Prime Minister. As, in the five weeks since the cabinet shuffle, not one of the seven new ministers has placed a conflict of interest statement in the registrar's public file, can the Acting Prime

[Mr. Oberle.]

Minister tell the House why the government has been so negligent about requiring open compliance by the new ministers with even the rather lax conflict of interest guidelines which apply to cabinet ministers?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will make inquiries into this particular question. I assume that it takes some little time for new ministers and existing ministers to arrange their affairs in order to comply. I assure the hon. member that all ministers are obligated to comply with the guidelines.

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS**POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF MARKETING BOARD FOR BROILERS—MINISTER'S POSITION**

Mr. Heward Grafftey (Brome-Missisquoi): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Since the government has announced a number of cross-country hearings relating to the establishment of a marketing board for broilers, and since the minister is the minister of consumer as well as corporate affairs, does he support the principle or policy which would create such a marketing board for broilers?

Hon. A. C. Abbott (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I think that question should more properly be directed to the Minister of Agriculture.

An hon. Member: He doesn't know.

Mr. Abbott: The National Farm Products Marketing Council is under the statutory obligation to conduct such hearings. This policy was not decided on a day-to-day basis; it was decided some time ago. I do not believe that the holding of hearings necessarily will lead to the creation of a marketing board for broilers. The purpose is to hear evidence as to why it should or should not be set up.

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AGRICULTURE**POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF MARKETING BOARD FOR BROILERS—MINISTER'S POSITION**

Mr. Heward Grafftey (Brome-Missisquoi): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Agriculture? Does the minister now support the policy and principle that such marketing boards for broilers should be set up, and is it now government policy that marketing boards for broilers should be established?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, the National Farm Products Marketing Council has been requested by some provincial governments and provincial producer organizations to hold hearings. They are abiding by the legislation approved by this parliament and can do nothing