

AGRICULTURE

TURKEYS—INQUIRY AS TO REQUEST FOR FLOOR PRICE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. Nasserden (Rosihern): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. Has the government received a request from the Saskatchewan Federation of Agriculture asking for a floor price for turkeys?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

PILOTAGE

INQUIRY AS TO REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Barry Mather (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, may I address a question to the Minister of Transport. I wonder whether the minister is in a position today to reply to a question that he took as notice a week ago, asking whether he can tell us the present status of the long awaited report of the pilotage commission.

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the first volume containing the principal recommendations of the royal commission on pilotage is expected to be available by the end of the year, and subsequent volumes containing additional recommendations will follow next year.

EXTERNAL AID

SOUTH VIET NAM—PRESENCE IN OTTAWA OF NAVAL OFFICERS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the fact that several senior officers of the South Viet Nam navy are in Ottawa, is the government discussing with them the question of technical assistance or other forms of aid?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I will have to take notice of that question; I did not know they were here.

PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS

INQUIRY AS TO COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Queens): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the acting house leader. Considering that two

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elections have been held since the Canada Elections Act was substantially amended and updated, can the minister advise whether it is intended to have the act referred to the standing committee on privileges and elections this session?

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I will be pleased to give the suggestion of the hon. member serious consideration.

SHIPBUILDING

REMOVAL OF ARBITRATION CLAUSE FROM SHIP TENDERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. Russell MacEwan (Pictou): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Is the minister now in a position to answer the question I asked him on October 11 regarding removal of the arbitration clause from tenders for ships submitted to his department?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I think so. Treasury Board has decided that until such time as a firm policy pertaining to arbitration in connection with all government contracts is established between the government, the Canadian Construction Association and the Canadian Shipbuilding and Ship Repairing Association, use of arbitration clauses should be discontinued.

Mr. MacEwan: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is the minister aware that in the tenders called for the new D.D.H.'s this clause is included? The minister used to be head of the department; is he aware that this clause is included in those tenders?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Hellyer: Mr. Speaker, this matter comes under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Industry.

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INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J.-A. Mongrain (Trois-Rivières): Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs and I apologize for not giving him notice.

In view of the fact that our colleague, the hon. member for Lapointe (Mr. Grégoire) left yesterday on a trip to France, could the minister inform the house whether this tour has been organized by the French embassy, by the Department of External Affairs or by some theatrical agents from Pigalle?