

continues its stand regarding the position of the federal government?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, as a long-term solution the hon. member probably knows that the question of jurisdiction over the whole area of Manpower has been raised at the constitutional conferences. It has been discussed at the constitutional conferences and will be discussed again. In the meantime, I cannot see any solution which could be imposed by force by the federal government. I repeat that we are continuing to seek an amiable solution to this problem with the provincial authorities.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Brandon-Souris.

Mr. Alexander: A supplementary question.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. We are running short of time. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Brandon-Souris on a further supplementary.

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YOUTH

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—ALLEGED CUTBACK IN EXPERIMENTAL FARM SERVICES SUMMER JOBS

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Agriculture. Can the minister indicate whether there has been a cutback in summer job opportunities in the experimental farm services related to the Opportunities for Youth program?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that this is hardly a supplementary, but as the question has been asked the minister might reply briefly and quickly.

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): I will check into it, Mr. Speaker. I do not believe there has been a cutback in summer job opportunities.

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AGRICULTURE

INTERPROVINCIAL MARKETING—CONSULTATION BY ONTARIO AND QUEBEC WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON VALIDITY OF PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION

Mr. Rod Thomson (Battleford-Kindersley): I wish to direct my question to the Prime Minister. Did the governments of Ontario and Quebec consult with the federal government on whether the legislation passed by those provinces restricting the import of farm products might be considered ultra vires by the federal government and contested in the courts?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I am not sure I seized the import of the question. I might attempt to answer by saying that the question has been raised at federal-provincial conferences at least twice. As we indicated in the House following those conferences, there was general support for the federal legislation on farm

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marketing and there was general support for the position that this would be the best possible solution. Some provincial delegations did, of course, suggest a reference to the courts, but the consensus seemed to be that legislation was the proper way. At that time we indicated our regret that the legislation had been stalled for so long by the opposition.

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NAVIGATION

STUDY OF CLEANING OF SHORES OF ST. LAWRENCE RIVER

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the hon. Minister of Transport.

Can the minister tell us whether it is correct that his department, in co-operation with the Department of Public Works, is making a study on the cleaning and development of St. Lawrence river shores between Quebec City and Montreal?

[English]

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): I am not certain about that question, Mr. Speaker. I will have to take it as notice and get an answer when I can.

Mr. Speaker: There is an hon. member who is a frontbencher who claims the privileges of a backbencher. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Toronto-Lakeshore.

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HOUSING

REHABILITATION OF HOMES IN TORONTO

Mr. Kenneth Robinson (Toronto-Lakeshore): I wish to direct a question to the Minister without Portfolio responsible for housing. In view of the fact that Montreal has applied for financial help from the federal government to renovate 100,000 homes over the next 10 years, will the minister give the same consideration to metropolitan Toronto?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, the question of rehabilitation of homes in Montreal was the subject of discussion about a month ago with Montreal and Quebec government officials and members of my staff. We made no precise commitment to a program of rehabilitation except to examine it as well as many other urban programs and problems in Montreal. As far as Toronto is concerned, several months ago we offered the city of Toronto a loan fund at low interest rates to be applied to the rehabilitation of homes. We are asking the city of Toronto to advise us on the details they would like to apply to the implementation of that program. I am certain the people there are aware that this is a much more complicated situation to deal with than had been apparent at first. With no criticism of them, I think they join us in recognizing that we have a lot to learn about this. We want to proceed with this program.