

Oral Questions

[English]

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I am not sure I got the full essence of the question. The funds are essentially directed to the pilot project to improve the learning of French in the national capital region among English students. The evaluation of the success of this project will be carried out by the province and the funds involved in that evaluation will be supplied by the province.

[Translation]

Mr. Gauthier (Ottawa East): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a supplementary question.

It is a recognized fact that teaching English to French-speaking classes is done more efficiently than teaching French to English-speaking classes. I would therefore ask the hon. minister whether funds made available to the provinces, Ontario in particular, will be used to assess the success in teaching English in French-speaking schools as a second language?

• (1150)

[English]

Mr. Faulkner: Mr. Speaker, I do not think that is originally envisaged, but I think that the concern the hon. member expresses and that he expressed to me before privately is something that we could take up with the provinces. I am sure there would be no long-term objection to making an evaluation of both.

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INCOME TAX

INQUIRY WHETHER CORPORATE TAX MEASURES CONSIDERED TO BE MATTERS INVOLVING CONFIDENCE

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister. In light of all the time the government has been giving to the question of confidence recently, would the Prime Minister advise the House whether the government holds that the corporate tax measures in the May, 1972, budget go "to the root of the government's policy" and involve fundamental and "basic principles" of the government?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): It is a very interesting question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Paproski: Would the Prime Minister advise the House if he is aware of whether these measures are considered matters of confidence by the hon. member for York South?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

[Mr. Gauthier (Ottawa East).]

[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

DAIRYING—INCREASE IN INDUSTRIAL MILK PRICE REQUESTED BY CANADIAN FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE—MINISTER'S POSITION

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the hon. Minister of Agriculture.

In view of the fact that the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, in its memorandum to the cabinet, is urging that the price of industrial milk be increased immediately by 60 cents per cwt because of the ever increasing cost of production, could the minister tell the House whether a favourable answer will soon be given to this request?

[English]

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, we received the request and we are studying it. As the hon. member knows, the decision has to be made before April 1 and it will be.

[Translation]

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary.

Since the amount of 60 cents per cwt quoted in the brief matches production costs for November 1972, could the minister tell the House if he will take into account the increase of production costs between November 1972 and March 1973?

[English]

Mr. Whelan: Mr. Speaker, I believe the hon. member is talking about extra cost, especially protein cost. We are considering this also to see if there is some way or some measure by which we can offset this cost.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Carleton-Charlotte on a supplementary.

MUSHROOMS—DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR CHANGE IN IMPORT REGULATIONS

Mr. Fred McCain (Carleton-Charlotte): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. What department of government, if any, made recommendations or brought about changes in the regulations pertaining to the importation of mushrooms in Canada in any form?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am not sure that there is a direct link between milk and mushrooms. Perhaps the suggestion is that it is cream of mushroom soup.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member having asked the question, the minister might reply. We will soon be running short of time, and I would hope that supplementaries will be related as closely as possible to the original questions asked. The minister might reply now to the mushroom question.