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DISPUTE WITH NABET—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State. I wonder whether the minister would bring us up-to-date on the present state of negotiations between the CBC management and NABET in their continuing, smouldering public service dispute.

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, as I have just returned from a tour of western Canada, I have not yet met with the CBC management and cannot give the hon. member an up-to-date report.

[English]

Mr. Nowlan: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate that the minister was away yesterday, but hopefully may I ask if he would be in attendance tomorrow, even though he does not appear on the roster, to make a statement on the state of the negotiations in view of problems relating to showing National Hockey League games and other programs at the weekend?

[Translation]

Mr. Pelletier: Mr. Speaker, I cannot make any promises in this connection, but I will try.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for St. Boniface.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Stanfield: Don't be too rough, now.

An hon. Member: Stand up straight, don't crouch.

Mr. Joseph-Philippe Guay (St. Boniface): If for no other reason, Mr. Speaker, I should like, first of all, to say I appreciate the fact that you have recognized me today.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): I also appreciate the comments made by the Leader of the Opposition.

Some hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Bell: Ten o'clock.

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): May I thank you once again for recognizing me, Mr. Speaker.

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TRADE

GOVERNMENT ACTION TO CORRECT IMBALANCE WITH TAIWAN

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Industry Trade and Commerce; since he has been ignored I think I should put a question to him. In view of the fact that Taiwan exported \$81 million worth of goods to Canada last year

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while our exports to Taiwan dropped from \$18 million to \$14 million, what steps is the minister taking at the present time to correct this growing imbalance in trade between Taiwan and Canada?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, the least I can say on the subject is that it is difficult for me to make a big case of this. In a number of occasions in our trade with foreign countries we are on the advantageous side of this equation.

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YOUTH

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH—REQUEST FOR OTHER PROGRAMS TO ALLEVIATE UNEMPLOYMENT

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State. In view of the leak earlier this week concerning the Cohen report to the effect that there was a major failure to solve student unemployment problems on the part of the government's summer programs last year, is the Secretary of State now exploring with the provinces or with business and other authorities, further measures that might be taken to alleviate very serious student unemployment this coming summer?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, we are exploring all possible means to reduce unemployment.

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[English]

GRAIN

DIVERSION OF SHIPMENTS TO PACIFIC GREAT EASTERN—POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION OF LINK WITH CNR AND CPR TO AVOID SNOW SLIDES

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the minister in charge of the Canadian Wheat Board. In view of the very low level of unloadings of grain in Vancouver at various times recently due to blockages of the two major railways' main lines, has the minister or the Canadian Wheat Board pressed the railways, particularly the CNR, to divert grain shipments to the Pacific Great Eastern line, which I understand is capable of handling up to 400 cars a day?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I understand from discussions about this matter that there are some difficulties regarding rates and other arrangements that might be made by the CNR and this particular railroad, which is a provincial railroad. It is largely the CNR which can take advantage of this situation, rather than the CPR, without building more expensive trackage. It is the CPR that has had the bulk of the snow slide problems.

Mr. Burton: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is the minister or the Canadian Wheat Board pressing for some further investigations and studies into both the