

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleague that also.

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HEALTH**POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF DENTAL CARE IN PROVINCIAL MEDICARE PLANS**

Mr. Murray McBride (Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton): My question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of information supplied by the minister to this House at an earlier date concerning the fact that no province had yet decided to include dental care under its medical health care plan, do recent news reports indicate that such an agreement has now been achieved with the province of Ontario?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): No, Mr. Speaker. I have not been advised by the government of Ontario about a desire on their part to extend coverage under medicare to include dental care.

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ATOMIC ENERGY**CAPE BRETON HEAVY WATER PLANT**

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): My question is for the government House leader. Will the minister assure the House that, on behalf of all the constituents of Cape Breton, he will keep the type of representation in the future that brought to that island the heavy water plant?

Mr. McBride: Order.

Mr. MacInnis: Will the minister convey that information to the member for Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton and others?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Bellechasse. Order, please. I will allow the hon. member a supplementary although I am sure he appreciates that his question, of course, was more in the form of a representation. The hon. member also knows that a question has to be asked of the minister in his capacity of being responsible for certain aspects of the administration.

Mr. MacInnis: I rise on a point of order to bring to Your Honour's attention the fact that this is not a representation to the minister. To support my contention, I draw Your Honour's attention to the fact that this question was originally asked by the Premier of Nova Scotia when he was a member of this House. The question was not ruled out of order at that time. I think the minister should make available to his party's supporters who are trying to wreck—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

[Translation]

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, yesterday I asked the hon. parliamentary secretary a question—

[Mr. Baldwin.]

Mr. Speaker: Order. I am sorry, but the hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond is again rising on a point of order.

[English]

Mr. MacInnis: I rise on a further point of order. I direct this to the minister. If he does not wish to protect his own government's position with regard to the renovation of the heavy water plant—

Some hon. Members: Order!

Mr. MacInnis: I have available what I think might be considered an official document, 19 pages of copy from *Hansard*. I will make it available to Liberal members so they will know the truth of the matter.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That is not a point of order. I bring to the attention of all hon. members that we are running short of time and many members are seeking an opportunity to ask questions.

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[Translation]

AGRICULTURE**REPRESENTATIONS OF QUEBEC MINISTER TO OBTAIN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT—STUDY OF POSSIBLE INCREASE IN HOG SUPPORT PRICE**

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, yesterday I put a question to the hon. Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and he replied that he would inquire and answer me later.

Here is my question: Could he tell us whether representations were made by the Quebec minister of agriculture to the federal government calling for financial assistance in respect of the provincial program in order to assist producers of hogs, eggs and turkeys in the province of Quebec who are now enduring great hardship?

Mr. Marcel Lessard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, after checking with the department I realized that the Quebec minister of agriculture did, some time ago, make representations somewhat similar to those of the hon. member for Bellechasse. That goes back to the beginning of October.

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a supplementary question.

I would like to know if the Department of Agriculture or the Agricultural Stabilization Board is considering at this time the possibility of increasing the support price of hogs which is now \$24.14.

Mr. Lessard (Lac-Saint-Jean): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member undoubtedly knows that there is an Agricultural Stabilization Act which also covers hog prices. If the average price for pork this year is lower than that of previous years,—and that, on a basis of 80 per cent,—there might be a support payment—

[English]

• (3:10 p.m.)

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. For the next few minutes the Chair will try to recognize hon. members who were in