

of the Canadian Wheat Board whether he will now reconsider his previous statements and hold discussions with the Government House Leader and others with a view to providing for a special debate on the government's grain policy proposals before the government finalizes its position?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I think we have been having a very good general debate on the farm proposals and farm policy throughout the country, and I look forward to the occasion of a debate on these matters in the House at the time the legislation comes forward.

PRODUCTION AND RECEIPTS POLICY—PUBLICATION OF REPORT ON WHEAT BOARD TO ASSIST DISCUSSION

Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot): Mr. Speaker, my question is supplementary and is directed to the minister in charge of the Canadian Wheat Board. In order to aid in the discussion that is going on with regard to grain policy, is it the minister's intention to see to it that the Menzies Report on the Canadian Wheat Board is made public?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Yes, Mr. Speaker. The Wheat Board is in the process of having the report printed and as soon as that is completed the report will be made public.

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[Translation]

CRIMINAL CODE

POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF BREATHALIZER PROVISIONS

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Justice.

Since several judges in Canada have questioned the breathalyzer as a criterion to determine whether an accused person is guilty and several others have challenged its legality, can the Minister of Justice tell us whether this provision of the Criminal Code can be amended?

[English]

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): No, Mr. Speaker.

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FILMS

TAKEOVER OF CINEPIX BY KALVEX INCORPORATED OF NEW YORK—PROTECTION OF DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION INVESTMENT

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State. On February 4 I inquired about the sale of Cinepix, a Canadian film company, to Kalvex of New York. I inquired particularly concerning what steps have been taken to protect

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the investment of the Canadian Film Development Corporation in this former Canadian company.

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I was under the impression that I had already replied to the hon. member that all necessary steps had been taken, at the time of the transaction, for adequate protection not only of interest-bearing loans, but also of loans involving profit-sharing arrangements regarding films produced by Cinepix.

[English]

Mr. Dinsdale: Mr. Speaker, is it the policy of the Canadian Film Development Corporation to invest in other than Canadian Companies or does it exclusively support only Canadian companies?

[Translation]

Mr. Pelletier: No, Mr. Speaker. Of course, there are marginal cases, if you wish, such as co-productions. Canada has signed co-production agreements with some foreign countries. However, it would take too long to explain in detail the CFDC's policy in this regard. Briefly, the policy consists in requiring, in order that a company may obtain a loan or other assistance from the Canadian Film Development Corporation, that a certain number of conditions be fulfilled so that the film may be 50 per cent Canadian at the least. But a simple answer to the question whether it is the CFDC's policy to finance foreign film companies would be no.

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[English]

FISHERIES

SWORDFISH—ASSISTANCE TO FISHERMEN BECAUSE OF POLLUTION

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Fisheries. How soon does the hon. gentleman expect to announce the decision made with regard to the mercury pollution problem in the swordfishery and what will the decision be?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, we are working closely with the province of Nova Scotia and we hope to be able to make an announcement shortly as to the precise arrangements for swordfishermen.

CONSULTATION WITH U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION ON TOLERABLE MERCURY LEVEL IN FISH

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. Has the minister had any further contact with the United States Food and Drug Administration to ascertain whether the tolerable level of mercury in fish can be increased above the present level of .5 parts per million?