

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

[English]

**GRAIN****BARLEY—POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF DELIVERY QUOTA**

**Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the minister responsible for the Wheat Board. Yesterday I asked him a question about the 15-bushel quota for barley which terminates today and whether the Wheat Board or the minister was going to announce any special incentives to deliver the barley that has been committed?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, I have had further conversations with a commissioner of the Wheat Board along the lines I indicated yesterday to the hon. member and they have extended the date generally for the 15-bushel quota from June 23 to June 30 in order to avoid most of the difficulties that might arise. They will be looking at specific delivery points in addition to that if the extra week is not sufficient.

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**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****INQUIRY AS TO FURTHER PROTEST TO DENMARK AGAINST HIGH SEAS SALMON FISHING OPERATIONS**

**Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting Prime Minister in his capacity as Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the continued intransigence of the Danes with respect to the salmon fishery, has the government made any further protests since the Washington meetings? If so, can the minister give us in a general way the nature of such protestations?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, we have, of course, continued our attitude toward this question but we have not made any further specific representations. We made very strong representations in the past and I am sure that the Danes understand our position very well.

**Mr. Lundrigan:** Has the government taken any steps to prevent the importation of Danish salmon, which we might say is Canadian salmon, taken on the high seas in view of the fact that this seems to be one of the few sources of salmon this year?

**Mr. Sharp:** No, Mr. Speaker, we have not taken any action of that kind.

**IMPENDING NUCLEAR TEST BY FRANCE—RIGHT OF FRENCH TO PREVENT PEACEFUL PASSAGE OF VESSELS—PROTECTION OF "GREENPEACE III"**

**Mr. Doug Rowland (Selkirk):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Does the government of Canada accept that the government of France, or for that matter the government of any other nation, has the right to cordon off a section of the high seas and prevent the peaceful passage of vessels of any nation, including Canada's *Greenpeace III*?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** No, Mr. Speaker, we deny that right.

**Mr. Rowland:** In light of the fact that the *Greenpeace III* is lawfully operating in international waters, has the government of Canada protested against France's announced intention to proceed with nuclear tests in the area, and what steps are being taken by the government of Canada to protect this Canadian vessel and its crew should such tests take place?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, we have informed the French government of our view of the legal position. We expressed our concern some time ago when we first heard about the possible voyage of some Canadians into that area. So the French government is fully aware of our position both in law and in fact. As I said yesterday, however, Canadians are free to travel anywhere they wish, and if they wish to place themselves in special hazard in this way there is nothing that I can do. I really do not know what measures I can take to prevent them from entering that area.

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**CAPE BRETON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION****REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT PROHIBIT ACTION BY CORPORATION ON MATTERS BEFORE COURTS**

**Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker I have a question for the Acting Prime Minister. The Acting Prime Minister has rightly said that the government does not wish to comment on matters that are before the courts. Will the government therefore take action with respect to the Cape Breton Development Corporation, a Crown company, to stop it from acting on matters that are before the courts?

[Later:]

**Mr. MacInnis:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. I direct my question of privilege to the Minister of Justice, since no one else on that side appears to take any interest in justice. A statute was voted on and passed unanimously by this House; yet a Crown company is denying the legal rights of pre-retired people in Cape Breton as well as the rights of widows and orphans. Would the minister examine Bill C-135, the act that set up the Cape Breton Development Corporation, and ask the president of that corporation to act in accordance with that legislation as passed by the House?

**Mr. Speaker:** Orders of the day.

**Mr. MacInnis:** No answer again.