

Oral Questions

ment that the stabilization plan, otherwise known as the grain receipts income plan, would be reintroduced?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member wishes to listen to the tape recording of what I said he will find that I was slightly misquoted.

Mr. Korchinski: Then may I ask the Minister of Justice who reports for the Canadian Wheat Board whether, in view of the fact that he now has a crutch in the form of the NDP, which party was one of the stumbling blocks to that plan, he intends to reintroduce it even though there was no mention of it in the Speech from the Throne?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I am not sure how helpful that crutch will be at any given point in time. At present we are examining further suggestions from farm organizations in connection with stabilization. There is certainly a general reaction from farmers that they desire a stabilization program. It would be our intention to introduce one after these discussions are completed.

POSSIBILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO
SASKATCHEWAN LAND BANK PROGRAM

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary is a follow-up to the question asked by the hon. member for Lisgar and I direct it to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the need for assistance faced by young people who start farming, and in view of the representations made to the minister by the government of Saskatchewan for financial assistance for its land bank program, can he say if any financial assistance for this program will be forthcoming?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): All I can say is that negotiations are still continuing with the province of Saskatchewan, with my provincial counterpart. I can say that we will make no different deal, no different agreement, no different arrangement with Saskatchewan than we have with any other province.

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AIR TRANSPORT

NORTHERN CANADA—INQUIRY AS TO PROGRAM FOR
INSTALLATION OF IMPROVED NAVIGATIONAL AIDS

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. In view of the increased frequency of lost aircraft in Canada's northern region and the growing amount of air traffic in that area, is his department actively considering a stepped-up program with respect to the installation of improved air navigational aids for traffic in that region?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, after talking with the hon. member previously I communicated with officials of the department, and I hope he and I will be able to discuss the matter further.

[Mr. Korchinski.]

Mr. Mazankowski: As a result of his discussions with his officials, Mr. Speaker, can the minister advise whether it is the intention of the department to establish specific air corridors into the northern region, hopefully with the installation of v.o.r. and distance measuring equipment along those routes?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, as soon as I have had further discussions on this I will communicate with the hon. member.

POLICY RESPECTING INSTALLATION OF CRASH
POSITION INDICATORS IN AIRCRAFT

Mr. J. R. Ellis (Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Transport. Would he indicate to the House the proposed policy of his department with regard to the installation of crash position indicators in Canadian aircraft?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I will have to take notice of this question.

Mr. Ellis: Would the minister indicate whether his department is prepared to develop a Canadian standard for crash position indicators?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, I will answer this question as soon as I have discussed the matter with the departmental officials. It is a technical matter and I really do not know the answer.

SAFETY OF PLANE MOVEMENTS AT CALGARY AIRPORT—
REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF CONSENT TO STOCKYARD
CONSTRUCTION NEARBY

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I have sent notice of a question along the same lines regarding air safety. I want to ask the Minister of Transport a very serious question in connection with the safety of commercial airline planes landing and taking off at the Calgary International Airport. Before there is a serious commercial aircraft accident caused by large flights of birds attracted by a project known as a stockyard or agrimart, the construction of which was consented to by his department prior to his being appointed minister, would the minister review this situation?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I think it is a very serious question. I communicated with departmental officials after the hon. member sent me notice of his question. I am told by the technical people in my department that this has been under study but they do not see any danger because they are going to take certain precautions in order that aircraft will not suffer from the presence of this stockyard.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, may I ask the minister if he had a chance to review the evidence presented to an administrative board at the municipal level, where experts other than those in the Department of Transport stated quite emphatically that there was a serious chance that this stockyard might be the cause of an accident, and may I point out that recently we have had the evidence of a