

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I would have to qualify my answer by asking the hon. member to give me the right to verify my facts later today. I have not been fully aware of the matter, but normally if there had been any exemption with respect to the application of the Canada Labour (Standards) Code to Devco it would have been the result of a joint request by management and labour and not only by management.

Mr. MacInnis: Mr. Speaker, the minister has only repeated in his answer what I put in my question. I said there was a mutual agreement between the Department of Labour, Devco and the unions involved, but what I am asking the minister is whether, outside of the regulations laid down in the Canada Labour (Standards) Code, there was any arrangement respecting payment for overtime?

Mr. Mackasey: I would have to take the question as notice and find out.

Mr. MacInnis: As a further supplementary—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for a further supplementary, but we are running short of time.

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IMMIGRATION**INQUIRY AS TO TABLING OF WHITE PAPER—AMENDMENTS AFFECTING IMMIGRATION APPEAL BOARD**

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Some weeks before Christmas I asked him about the possible date of publication or tabling of the white paper on immigration and also for an indication regarding amendments to the Act concerning the Immigration Appeal Board. He indicated that this would be done soon in the new year. Could he tell us how much closer we are to that date?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, we are closer by the amount of time that has elapsed.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, in answering that question the minister has bitten just as he should bite. Will he now be more precise and indicate whether we are to see the legislation before Easter or is it going to come before us just before the June adjournment?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I hope that it will be forthcoming earlier rather than later. Of course, many things have to be considered, including the whole question of the very important other business before the House.

[Mr. MacInnis.]

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare in his capacity as the minister responsible for promoting sports in Canada and, more particularly, the Canada winter games which will be held in Saskatoon. I wonder whether, in promoting this event, he has yet had an opportunity to obtain his \$2 ticket? I have one available if he wants it.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION**CHURCHILL FOREST INDUSTRIES—FULL INQUIRY BEFORE PAYMENT OF MONEY BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In view of the serious allegations which have been made concerning the Churchill Forest Industries complex at The Pas, Manitoba, and the involvement of the present and former provincial governments in these matters, can the minister assure the House that no federal government money will be paid to that project until a complete inquiry has been carried out by the federal government?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, the subsidies will be granted according to regulations. It seems to me that if all regulations are complied with, the requests will be followed up by the department. If they are not, the subsidies will be stopped.

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GRAIN**PRODUCTION AND RECEIPTS POLICY—NEW COMMITMENTS—MEETINGS WITH SASKATCHEWAN AND ALBERTA GOVERNMENTS**

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the minister in charge of the Wheat Board. Following the reported meeting of the minister and the Manitoba Minister of Agriculture and provincial officials, can the minister tell the House if there was any undertaking to make any new commitments with regard to the proposed stabilization plan other than the proposed transfer of moneys paid under the present Temporary Wheat Reserves Act? Also, does the minister intend to have meetings with the governments of Saskatchewan and Alberta?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, there were no new commitments and nothing in the form of a final decision. I think the discussions were, as ever, very useful. We propose to have meetings with all the Ministers of Agriculture of the Prairie provinces together on some occasion. I think the date has now been set. I am also prepared to meet with them individually whenever this may seem to be helpful.