

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): He has asked me to answer on his behalf. In respect of the particular question asked by the hon. member, I should like to tell him that I will bring the matter to the attention of the minister.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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ENERGY

INQUIRY AS TO FORMULA TO COMPENSATE COMPANIES IN LIGHT OF PRICES PAID FOR IMPORTED OIL

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Has his department prepared a formula for compensating the oil companies for the prices they are paying for imported oil? Can he give the House any information regarding the formula? What is the anticipated cost per month and what is the price per barrel upon which the formula is based?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions in this regard but an appropriate formula has not yet been finalized. It would be the intention of the government to present a measure to the House for the specific purpose of appropriating the funds necessary to provide a cushion to eastern Canadian consumers against the increased prices.

CONSULTATIONS WITH PROVINCES ON FORMULA TO BE USED WHEN CRUDE OIL PRICE FREEZE EXPIRES

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): In view of the Prime Minister's statement earlier today that the present price freeze will end at the end of March and that a new formula will take its place, may I ask the minister what consultations are going on at present with the provincial governments, both at the official and ministerial levels, and whether the minister has any plans to meet the ministers of the various provincial governments involved?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): There have already been consultations at the official level and the Prime Minister will be meeting a number of the premiers from the producing provinces in the very near future specifically to discuss this question.

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GRAIN

REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERIM PAYMENT

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the minister responsible for the Wheat Board. Having made the announcement that the initial price for grain will be raised, will he also announce the interim payment for all grain that has been delivered until now? Will he make the announcement immediately rather than wait until the fall?

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Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, when we indicated that initial prices were going to be raised for the balance of the crop year and, except in the case of barley, restored to approximately the same level on August 1, at the same time we announced that adjustment payments worth about \$400 million would be made as soon as possible and that is some time towards the end of March or the beginning of April.

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SPORTS

MEASURES TO BLOCK WORLD FOOTBALL LEAGUE ENTRY IN TORONTO

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the minister's recent statement regarding the government's intention to block the World Football League's entry in Toronto, can the minister advise the House as to what measures he proposes to take to initiate this move and if in fact legislation will be introduced regarding this matter?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I can assure the hon. member that all necessary measures will be taken to that effect.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Jelinek: I did not expect anything better from the minister at this time, but I have a supplementary question. Keeping in mind every Canadian's opinion on "Canadianizing" football in this country, can the minister advise the House if he is prepared to take steps to make a greater Canadian content in the Canadian Football League compulsory and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

Mr. Lalonde: There again, the hon. member will have ample opportunity to discuss this issue if and when steps are required to be taken.

Mr. Bell: How about baseball?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for St. Paul's.

POSSIBLE PROHIBITION OF NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE FRANCHISE IN MONTREAL

Mr. Ron Atkey (St. Paul's): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the same minister. Would he indicate, if he is going to introduce legislation or take measures, whether he would also include a prohibition against any National Football League franchise going to the Montreal Olympic stadium after 1976, and would he also indicate whether he has had assurances from Mayor Drapeau along this line?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I would advise the hon. member to read my speech in that respect. He might learn a few things.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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