

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Roger Teillet (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the hon. member for giving me notice that he would ask this question. The fourth report of the standing committee on veterans affairs supported the recommendations made by Dr. Richardson in his report of January, 1966, on the problems and disabilities of Hong Kong veterans. His recommendations were already being implemented, and this required a detailed review of the record of every Hong Kong veteran.

The review is well advanced but has not been completed, because it has been found necessary to examine veterans who have previously been unwilling to report for examination, and others who have not been seen in recent years. The commission is now studying the committee's further recommendations, which are supplementary to and conditional upon completion of the above review, with a view to determining how they may be implemented.

[*Translation*]

HOUSE OF COMMONS**REPORTED ABUSE OF FRANKING PRIVILEGES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Auguste Choquette (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Postmaster General (Mr. Côté).

In view of the fact that the separatist member for Lapointe (Mr. Grégoire) said during a press conference that he would use his franking privilege to promote separatist publicity in Canada or in the province of Quebec; in view also of the fact that a number of Conservative members of the house misused their franking privileges for election propaganda purposes when parliament was dissolved in 1965, will the minister restrict the franking privileges of the members?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The question put by the hon. member contains several allegations and may certainly not be asked at this time.

[*English*]

NATURAL GAS**POSSIBLE APPEAL RESPECTING PIPE LINE DECISION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. R. Sherman (Winnipeg South): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys whether the
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government has received any appeals against its decision to prohibit Trans-Canada Pipe Lines from building its new gas transmission line in part through the United States.

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys): Mr. Speaker, I do not think there is a possibility for a legal appeal against the decision of the government, but a meeting has been arranged for tomorrow morning between some members of Trans-Canada Pipe Lines and some members of the government to hear the company's point of view.

[*Translation*]

AGRICULTURE**FEED GRAIN—PROTEST AGAINST DISCONTINUANCE OF FREE STORAGE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Heward Grafftey (Brome-Missisquoi): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Agriculture, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Forestry.

Has the government received a telegram from the officers of the Quebec Miners Association, who are holding an emergency meeting in Quebec city, protesting against the decision of the federal government to abandon the policy of free feed grain storage?

Hon. Maurice Sauvé (Minister of Forestry): Yes, Mr. Speaker, and we do not intend to reconsider our decision.

[*English*]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**RETURN FROM U.S. OF ESCAPED PRISONERS FROM CANADIAN PENITENTIARY**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Ed. Schreyer (Springfield): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask whether the Secretary of State for External Affairs has an answer to the question I asked him yesterday and which he undertook to answer some time today, relating to the return to Canada of four escapees from a Canadian penitentiary.

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Yes, Mr. Speaker. My hon. friend's question has to do with a statement which is supposed to have been made by the Attorney General of the United States concerning escapees from a Canadian penitentiary who are now in custody in the state of Indiana.

We have made inquiries of the United States state department about this matter and I have