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**FINANCE****THE EFFECTS OF THE SALES TAX ON BUILDING MATERIALS**

**Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Prime Minister.

Would he tell us whether the 11 per cent sales tax on building materials has had any effects on the increase in the cost of living, and also on inflation?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I am under the impression that the hon. member is asking the Prime Minister to express an opinion.

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**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE****FRANK EVANS—REASONS FOR FAILURE TO SERVE SENTENCE**

**Mr. Sean O'Sullivan (Hamilton-Wentworth):** Mr. Speaker, my question to the Solicitor General concerns the case of Frank Evans, convicted and sentenced some eight months ago to two years in a federal penitentiary. As this man is still at liberty, living in high fashion which includes several visits to racetracks and driving a Cadillac, can the minister advise the House whether the federal government will forthwith ensure that this man begins serving his sentence in a federal penitentiary?

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I am not familiar with that case, but I will check into it and report to the hon. member.

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**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****INDIA-PAKISTAN AGREEMENT—SUGGESTED EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE OF CANADIANS**

**Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has the minister extended to the parties concerned an expression of the gratification of the Canadian people and of many members of the House with regard to the Indo-Pakistan agreement of August 28, 1973 concerning the repatriation of Bangalees detained in Pakistan, Pakistanis stranded in Bangladesh, and Pakistani prisoners of war in Indo-Bangladesh custody? It is a great humanitarian achievement affecting the lives of many thousands of people and affecting the reconciliation of the Indian sub-continent.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Perhaps the minister might be allowed to reply to the hon. member's oration.

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I share the views of the hon. gentleman on the Indo-Pakistan war, its consequences and the great change that has taken place in relatively few days in the attitude toward a settlement. I had an opportunity of expressing similar views to representatives of both these

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countries urging them to this course of action, so I share his gratification personally.

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**AGRICULTURE****REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION TO FARMERS WHO FEED THEIR OWN GRAIN TO LIVESTOCK**

**Mr. William C. Frank (Middlesex):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the uncertainty of the strength of the livestock market, is the minister giving any significant consideration to farmers who normally feed their own grain, giving them any immediate specific encouragement to feed their 1973 grain production, rather than cashing it in now, which would result in still higher costs of living to the Canadian consumer?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, I think the programs the Prime Minister announced, particularly concerning the meeting I will be having with my provincial counterparts later this month, will take all of these topics into consideration.

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**FINANCE****REQUEST FOR STATEMENT BY MINISTER ON EFFECTS ON INFLATION OF MONETARY, FISCAL AND EXCHANGE RATE POLICIES**

**Mr. James Gillies (Don Valley):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. In view of the fact that the statement presented today by the Prime Minister said practically nothing at all about monetary policy, fiscal policy and exchange rate policy, which one would have thought would have been the foundation of any statement on inflation, would the Minister of Finance make a statement on how he feels these policies are affecting inflation in this country right now?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister suggested that an appropriate vehicle could be found for this type of debate, and I am ready and willing.

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**FOOD PRICES REVIEW BOARD****SUGGESTED CHANGE OF JURISDICTION TO COVER ALL PRICES—GOVERNMENT POSITION**

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister regarding his statement today. In view of the fact that the statement made no reference to extending the Food Prices Review Board into a general prices review board and that inflation affects many commodities, is the Prime Minister considering changing the Prices Review Board to one that would consider all prices, not just food prices?