

Oral Questions

worse situation than they are at present with starvation a reality, something we do not have in this country. The production of some of our plants this year has increased by a quarter of a million tons. Plants, to my knowledge, have been operating seven days a week, 24 hours a day to produce the products needed here and in other parts of the world. I will be making a complete statement on this matter shortly.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I think I should bring to the attention of hon. members that a large number of members are rising on both sides of the House to ask questions and supplementaries. There will be a limited time for questions and there will be other important business later this afternoon, so some hon. members will have to be disappointed. I do not think we should have too many supplementaries. For the moment, the Chair will recognize the hon. member for Lisgar.

EGGS—IMPOSITION OF IMPORT CONTROLS

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Now that Bill C-4, the Export and Import Permits Act amendment, has been passed, I should like to ask whether the bill is to be used, in what manner it will be used, whether there will be controls, and what kind of controls will be imposed for the situation immediately at hand, which is the egg problem.

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, there should be a release in every member's mailbox at this time indicating that permits will be required for imports of turkeys and eggs as of midnight tonight, May 8, 1974.

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FINANCE

REVENUE LOSS BECAUSE OF CORPORATE TAX CUT AND FASTER WRITE-OFFS LAST YEAR

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. In view of the fact the Deputy Minister of Finance said on Monday that he would try to inform us by the next day, yesterday, of the estimated loss of revenue because of the corporate tax cut for manufacturers and processors and the fast write-offs, has the minister now checked with his deputy minister and, if so, is he in a position to supply us with that information today?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I gave that answer rather fully yesterday to the Leader of the Opposition and to the hon. gentleman.

Mr. Nystrom: Can the Minister of Finance assure the House that he will be giving us that figure within the next few days and, preferably, before the end of this month?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): If there is a House then, I can give that assurance.

[Mr. Whelan.]

[Translation]

SPORTS

INQUIRY WHETHER BILL C-22 WILL BE AMENDED

Miss Monique Bégin (Saint-Michel): Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare to clarify the strategy with respect to Canadian football or opposition football. Would the minister explain to the House the circumstances of his statement when he suggested he was prepared to amend Bill C-22 and say what those circumstances were?

Mr. Speaker: The minister may answer briefly the question put by the hon. member for Saint-Michel. Normally, if the minister has substantive information to give to the House that should be done on motions but the minister will be recognized briefly.

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, the policy of this government on that was quite clear throughout the debate. The committee of the House passed the bill yesterday and I want to state categorically that I do not consider the possibility of any amendments to the bill as approved by the committee yesterday.

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FINANCE

EFFECT OF PERSONAL INCOME TAX CUT ON STANDARD OF LIVING

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. The night before last the minister stated that an opportunity is at hand to improve the standard of living of every Canadian. Is the minister satisfied that the personal tax cut, which is equivalent to a reduction of 98 cents a week for the ordinary Canadian, will fight inflation and improve his standard of living when his real wages are down by nearly \$3 a week?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond.

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SPORTS

INCLUSION OF RUGBY FOOTBALL IN LEGISLATION BANNING OPERATION IN CANADA OF WORLD FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a question which is supplementary to a previous question asked on football. I direct my supplementary to the Prime Minister in respect of the fumbled football bill. I ask the Prime Minister, as a patron of rugby football in this country, why the government allowed a bill to be introduced into this House denying rugby football its rightful place, while he himself acts as a patron of that sport?