

*Oral Questions*

[English]

**Mr. Whelan:** Mr. Speaker, we are aware that broilers are being shipped into Canada, not only to the province of Quebec but to other provinces as well. We are checking to find out if these latest shipments are below the cost of production, or if they are being dumped, but I do not have those facts at the present time.

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**LABOUR CONDITIONS**

**PROPOSED SINGLE BARGAINING AGENT FOR PUBLIC SERVICE—GOVERNMENT POSITION**

**Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact there has been an unprecedented and record number of lost man-days in productivity in recent months due to strikes and walkouts, and all indications suggest a continuation of this unfortunate trend, and because the existing fragmentation of union power within the Public Service and other federal agencies is partially responsible for this drastic loss in productivity, can the Minister of Labour advise this House whether the government intends to consider the possibility of having union groups in a single public service sector bargaining with the government simultaneously in order to avoid this existing fragmentation of union power and, if so, when can we expect an announcement on this matter?

**Mr. Speaker:** With the greatest respect to the hon. member, this is precisely the question he asked in the House a few days ago.

**An hon. Member:** And he didn't get an answer then.

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**NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION**

**PURCHASE OF LAND IN LEBRETON FLATS—REQUEST FOR REPORT**

**Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, will the Minister of State for Urban Affairs advise the House whether he is aware that the National Capital Commission this year purchased 12 acres of undeveloped land in the LeBreton flats area for the highly inflated price of \$6 million and, if not, why was he not advised of this purchase since the National Capital Commission reports to him?

**Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of the precise transaction but I will look into it and speak with the hon. member.

[Mr. Rondeau.]

**AGRICULTURE**

**BRUCELLOSIS—INSPECTION OF CATTLE PURCHASED IN STOCKYARDS**

**Mr. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Agriculture and arises from an answer he gave to a question I raised on Friday about the effect of brucellosis on the herd of one of my constituents. I might point out that the infection was detected when the animals were brought in for sale at the Waterloo County stockyards. In view of the fact that Mr. Flinkert, whose herd it was, has expressed the suspicion that the infection first got to his herd from cattle at the stockyards which were not inspected because the veterinarians had already gone home, I wonder if the minister can give the House the assurance that all cattle purchased in stockyards in Canada, which should be inspected for brucellosis, are in fact inspected by federal veterinarians before being sold at these stockyards?

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**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, we would hope that that is so and we also hope that any good cattle breeder would make sure that any cattle he bought to increase his herd was inspected and he could prove that the inspection and the check did take place.

**Mr. Horner:** Can you not do more than hope?

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**ENERGY**

**MACKENZIE VALLEY PIPELINE—GOVERNMENT POSITION ON APPEARANCE OF EL PASO GAS BEFORE ENERGY BOARD**

**Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Has the government indicated or does it plan to indicate to the National Energy Board whether or not it approves of the application of El Paso Gas of Houston to appear before the board hearings this fall regarding the Mackenzie Valley pipeline?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, under the National Energy Board Act parliament has given to the board the sole responsibility for the conduct of its proceedings and, in particular, for determining what party or parties should appear before them. I have no intention as minister of interfering with the actions of the board against the dictates of that statute.

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**NATIONAL DEFENCE**

**MISSING HELICOPTER IN BRITISH COLUMBIA—RESULTS OF RENEWED SEARCH**

**Mr. Alex Patterson (Fraser Valley East):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of National Defence and ask him if he would advise the House