

*Report on Farm Machinery*

ward to examining the report in detail. Hopefully, some of the recommendations will be good enough that we can do something constructive about the problems of the farm machinery industry. I hope the government is not as slow in accepting the recommendations or in taking action in connection with the problems exposed by the report as the commission has been in preparing the report.

I suggest to the Minister of Agriculture and the House that farm machinery costs are a very important part of farmers' problems at the moment and unless we take some real action in this connection these problems will continue. I am hopeful that the government will do something constructive about the cost of farm machinery. The government might extend financing to some of the small machinery companies operating in Canada. Perhaps it might consider a method of financing farm machinery on the farm or even extending further financing to countries behind the iron curtain which are selling machinery at greatly reduced prices. We look forward to reading the report and being able to make constructive suggestions.

[Translation]

**Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, the minister has just tabled the report of the Barber Commission on farm machinery.

The Commission created by the government took five years to study the high cost of farm machinery sold in Canada. Five years is quite a long time and I think that had there been farmers sitting on the Commission the latter would have found out much sooner why farm machinery is so expensive.

The government announces that following the report it has named an interdepartmental committee to consider the report completed after five years of work. From past experience, I think the committee will take at least five more years to study the report.

When decisions are taken—decisions that we hope will be effective—the conclusions of the report will be out of date and we will have to go through the whole process again.

In his statement, the minister has said, and I quote:

Arrangements are also being concluded for a meeting with representatives of the industry in order to give further consideration to matters of joint interest—

Will it be matters of joint interest to the industry or to the farmers that will be given further consideration? I think protection should be provided for the farmers' interests before those of the industry and that some means of financing farm machinery purchases should be developed, because there are so very few farmers who can afford to pay cash for their implements. They have to be given the opportunity of buying this machinery at a rather low rate of interest that they may be able to pay. Groups and individuals interested in agriculture are asked in this statement to submit briefs and recommendations to the government. I hope that the latter will seriously consider them.

[Mr. Thomson.]

[English]

**OIL**

PROPOSED TRANS-ALASKA PIPELINE SYSTEM—TABLING OF SPEECH BY DEPUTY MINISTER OF ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES

**Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to table, under Standing Order 41(2), a speech delivered by my deputy minister, Mr. J. Austin, in Anchorage, Alaska, in accordance with my undertaking to the hon. member for Comox-Alberni on May 11. I may say, having now read the speech of the hon. member at his invitation, that I find that taken as read from cover to cover and in context the speech is in accordance with government policy as iterated from time to time.

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**IMMIGRATION**

TABLING OF AGREEMENT RESPECTING PRESENCE OF QUEBEC DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS IN FEDERAL OFFICES ABROAD

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** I wish to table, under Standing Order 41(2), an agreement relating to the presence of orientation officers of the Department of Immigration of Quebec in federal immigration offices outside Canada, in both official languages.

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● (2:20 p.m.)

**YOUTH**

PHYSICAL FITNESS, SPORTS SAFETY EQUIPMENT—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to move a motion under Standing Order 43 on a matter requiring urgent attention. The latest unfortunate sports incident resulting in the death of a young boy emphasizes the need for a complete investigation into the use of adequate sports safety equipment by our youth. Further, statistics indicate that Canadians lag behind other countries in physical fitness and support the priority need to examine the area of youth development in Canada. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski):

That this serious situation and the designation of responsibility in the area of youth development and adequate protection for those participating in sports and recreation, be referred to the Standing Committee on Health and Welfare.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. members have heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe. The motion, being submitted under the terms of Standing Order 43, requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is not unanimity. Therefore the motion cannot be put.