

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I believe that is still the intention.

[Later:]

Mr. Lundrigan: Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that indications now, contrary to what the Secretary of State for External Affairs has just said, are that the Law of the Sea Conference may not take place until 1975, can the minister indicate whether his department or the government has any plans to take any new Canadian initiatives in the area of marine resource development and conservation?

Mr. Speaker: The minister's response should be as brief as possible. It seems to me this question covers a very wide area and should normally be answered by way of a general statement on motions, but the minister might reply briefly.

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I agree with you that it would take a long time to answer this question adequately.

Mr. Lundrigan: Mr. Speaker, I raised the question several months ago with the Prime Minister and the Minister of Fisheries. I ask the minister whether he can enlighten the House and the Canadian people by making a statement on motions giving us the clear, definitive position of the Canadian government on the conservation of our marine resources, preliminary to any international discussions which will take place several years from now.

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, this may be worth doing. I should say by way of preliminary answer that no country in the world has been more progressive in the position it has taken with regard to the law of the sea and the conservation of marine resources than has Canada.

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NATIONAL REVENUE**POSSIBLE REMOVAL OF ESTATE AND GIFT TAX OFFICES FROM SASKATCHEWAN**

Mr. Rod Thomson (Battleford-Kindersley): This question is directed to the Minister of National Revenue. In view of the possible moving of the estate and gift tax section of the Department of National Revenue from Saskatoon and Regina to Calgary and Winnipeg, would the minister reconsider this decision to remove these services from the taxpayers of Saskatchewan?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's question is in the form of a request or submission to the minister and he has to assume it will be considered.

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[Translation]

AGRICULTURE**POLICY RESPECTING SUPPORT PRICE OF WOOL**

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Agriculture.

[Mr. Lundrigan.]

Can the minister say whether his department's policy on support price for wool of acceptable categories is re-established every year? If so, do the support price and supplementary payments vary each year, when is this announced to the people concerned and what is the price for the year 1971-72?

[English]

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, we made an announcement on February 8 substantially moving up support prices for skim milk powder and cheese. I indicated before the dairy year started on April 1 that those prices would be maintained.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker: Does the hon. member for Bellechasse wish to ask a supplementary question?

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

I think that the hon. minister did not understand my question correctly; it was related to the support price for wool, and not for cheese and butter. I asked what was the policy of the department as to adjustment payments, and what support price had been established for 1971-72?

[English]

Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker, here again I either tabled in the House or issued a press release respecting the wool support price for last year's clip, which was 45 cents a pound.

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PUBLIC WORKS**CHURCHILL—REPRESENTATIONS BY NORAD RESPECTING BUILDING OR PROPERTY REQUIREMENTS**

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Public Works. Is the minister in a position to advise the House whether the federal government has received recently any representations from NORAD regarding building or property requirements at Churchill or Fort Churchill, Manitoba?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows, we have made an agreement with the government of the province of Manitoba with regard to Churchill, and two or three aspects of that agreement are coming along fine. Contracts will be called shortly.

Mr. Simpson: Is the minister in a position to say whether any representations have been received from NORAD in this regard?

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps I should indicate to hon. members that we will be running out of time shortly and that we might limit the number of supplementaries from this point on.