

I would like to ask the Minister of Finance, since he already told me that after Christmas holidays we can discuss bills on that matter and move amendments, whether he could give us the report of the studies made by his department and likely to explain the implications of the taxes proposed in the last budget?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I think we will be discussing that bill tomorrow, with the consent of the leaders of the House, and that would be quite an appropriate question for the committee of the whole.

**Mr. Fortin:** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary.

Could the Minister of Finance provide us with figures as regards the forecast of his department about the implications of those taxes?

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** I think such a question would be appropriate tomorrow, or when we get to the study of that specific clause of the bill before the House. I will then be ready to answer the hon. member's question.

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#### AGRICULTURE

EGGS—POSITION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA WITH REGARD TO EGG MARKETING BOARD—CONSULTATION WITH MINISTER

**Mr. Hugh A. Anderson (Comox-Alberni):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. It is not with regard to his activities with the SIU.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Anderson:** Yesterday it was announced that the British Columbia Egg Marketing Board was giving notice of its intention to quit CEMA as of 1976. Will the minister advise the House whether any dialogue has been carried out with the minister of agriculture for the province of B.C. to determine whether that province was in agreement with the stand taken by the egg marketing board.

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, the minister of agriculture for British Columbia was here a week ago Monday. At that time I talked with him about this matter. I gained the impression he was determined to see national egg marketing continued in Canada and that the B.C. egg producers and their board should stay in the marketing plan. Since that time I have not seen anything other than a report in the press. I do not know whether to put very much confidence in that report. According to the report in the press, he seemed to be of the same opinion on Monday of this week. However, we will check with him directly as soon as possible. Unless he has changed his mind, he appeared to be very strongly in favour of national marketing.

#### Oral Questions

#### LABOUR CONDITIONS

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST SEAFARERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION—PERSON DIRECTING SOLICITOR GENERAL TO DISCUSS RCMP INTERIM REPORT WITH CERTAIN MINISTERS

**Mr. Bill Jarvis (Perth-Wilmot):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Acting Prime Minister. It involves the interim report of the RCMP about which we have heard. Yesterday the Solicitor General said, and I believe I am quoting him correctly, that he was asked to discuss the report with the relevant ministers and the Prime Minister and he in fact discussed it with the Prime Minister as it was his responsibility to do so. Will the Acting Prime Minister tell the House who asked the Solicitor General to take that rather extraordinary course of action, on what authority and what responsibility he had to discuss that interim report with the Prime Minister?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that yesterday the Solicitor General corrected his language. He inadvertently used these words. He did not intend to and he corrected the record.

**Mr. Jarvis:** Mr. Speaker, I might give the Solicitor General a chance to correct it again. My supplementary question is also to the Acting Prime Minister. Yesterday the Solicitor General, if he was quoted correctly, called the member of the Ontario legislature a muckraker who has no respect for the truth. In light of the obvious bias in this matter which was demonstrated by those words, is it not rather obvious that the Solicitor General is not competent to undertake this investigation? In view of this, will the government now undertake to set up an independent and public inquiry?

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** With all due respect to the hon. member, he surely is repeating a question that was put on at least two previous occasions, once specifically by the hon. member for York-Simcoe.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST SEAFARERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION—REQUEST FOR NAMES OF MINISTERS INVOLVED IN RCMP INVESTIGATION

**Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Solicitor General. In light of the revelations made by Dr. Shulman in the Ontario legislature, can the Solicitor General inform the House whether he has asked the officials of the RCMP if they have taken part in interrogations and determined that a senior cabinet minister is in the bag? Also, has he asked the RCMP officials to supply him with the name of that senior cabinet minister and can the Solicitor General tell us that name?

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I tried to explain before that I asked the RCMP to investigate all allegations made by Mr. Shulman in the House or out of the House, wherever he made them. It is up to them. They are trained policemen. They know how to conduct investigations. I do not tell them who to contact or not contact when making their inquiries. If I did that, I