

*Oral Questions*

high quality pork products in Canada at the present time. I believe the price in Toronto yesterday was \$64 a hundredweight.

**Mr. Epp:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the question that I asked the minister, would he indicate whether he will meet with the representatives who have asked to meet him to discuss the difficulties that these agencies are experiencing?

**Mr. Whelan:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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### SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF THE HERITAGE OF CANADA

REASON FOR PAYMENT TO SOCIETY TO COMPENSATE FOR USE OF NAME "HERITAGE CANADA"

**Mr. Bob Brisco (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State. Would the minister inform the House why his department found it necessary to pay approximately \$80,000 to the Society for the Study of the Heritage of Canada so that his department could use the name "Heritage Canada", in view of the fact that his department awarded over half a million dollars in grants to this society, which surely should have been adequate recompense for the name?

**Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State):** I will have to look into that question, Mr. Speaker.

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### STATUS OF WOMEN

REASON FOR DELAY OF MEASURE TO PROVIDE EQUALITY OF STATUS FOR MALE AND FEMALE PERSONS

**Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the fact that this is International Women's Year and the minister has recently told the entire nation that the House now has before it a bill to provide equality of status for male and female persons, would the minister now tell the House when we will be able to debate this measure and perhaps institute it into law?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I would have to refer that question to my colleague the House leader. I have been urging him to bring the legislation forward for second reading as soon as possible, and the President of the Privy Council said that he had this in mind, provided he could get agreement from the other House leaders. I will leave the matter to the House leader.

**Mr. Paproski:** Mr. Speaker, may I put a supplementary question to the House leader? Not only is this part of the session drawing to a close, but International Women's Year is half over. This legislation has been on the order paper since October 8, 1974, so when does the minister plan on bringing it forward for second reading so we can get with it?

[Mr. Whelan.]

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, as my hon. friend knows, we have had some difficulty in getting through our legislative program because the opposition—

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

**Mr. Sharp:** —has insisted on debating some issues at what I think has been an inordinate length. However, I am doing my very best, and with the co-operation of the hon. member's friends on the other side of the House we could bring the measure forward and deal with it quickly, I am sure. I just urge him to get his colleagues to co-operate in other respects.

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### CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

SUGGESTION HILTON NEGOTIATING WITH CBC FOR SPACE IN CHATEAU LAURIER—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION AND REPORT

**Mr. John Rodriguez (Nickel Belt):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question that I should like to direct to the Minister of Transport. It deals with the possible takeover by Hilton of certain CN hotels. In view of the Minister's statement in the House on February 12, 1975, as reported at page 3154 of *Hansard*, that "There is no doubt in my mind that CN cannot make a deal with the hotels without the approbation of the Government of Canada", would the minister advise the House whether he is aware that the CBC, which leases space in the Chateau Laurier, has just concluded lease arrangements for future occupation in the Chateau Laurier, and that these negotiations were carried out between the CBC and Hilton, not the CBC and the Chateau?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of that. These are normal negotiations that are taking place in all cases where Hilton has the responsibility of administering the hotel. I do not think the Chateau Laurier is one of Hilton's.

**Mr. Rodriguez:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the fact that Hilton Hotels is not responsible for the management of the Chateau Laurier, would the minister investigate the situation and report to the House?

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** Mr. Speaker, I cannot investigate all of the hotels, but if it is of interest to the hon. member I will do it with pleasure.

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### TRANSPORT

REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE NEW POLICY PROTECTS CROWSNEST PASS RATES

**Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct my question to the Minister of Transport. Has he the complete agreement of the Minister of Justice regarding the new national transportation policy that he is going to bring down, and is the sanctity of the Crowsnest pass rates protected in that new transportation policy?