

*Oral Questions*

unable to sell the lots. Does the Minister agree that his colleague acted illegally in signing the master lease which would have allowed development of these properties, and by making undertakings on behalf of the Crown? Will he act to expedite this matter so that the Indian people can get this project under way, and get the jobs and income they need?

**Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member has put some of the facts right but, as usual, he has put the context wrong. In fact there is a problem of a lack of jurisdiction. It is not to be attributable, as he suggests, to my hon. colleague. My Department is indeed co-operating with all parties concerned to try to get this straightened out as quickly as possible.

## REQUEST FOR SPEEDY EXAMINATION

**Mr. Thomas Siddon (Richmond-South Delta):** Mr. Speaker, the lease in question which the Minister signed, apparently incorrectly, is identical to several hundred similar leases which have been signed for other native development projects. The principle here has to do with the supremacy of the Crown over the rights of third parties and municipal governments to require adherence to municipal building code inspection requirements, taxation provisions, and other matters relating to zoning. Will the Minister examine this whole matter and act quickly in order to eliminate inconvenience, and facilitate the creator of hundreds or thousands of jobs which might be possible if this matter is cleared up immediately?

**Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, I believe any solution arrived at will enable the broader problem to be taken care of, not just the one in this case.

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## FARM CREDIT CORPORATION

## INTEREST RATE LEVELS—REQUEST FOR INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

**Mr. G. M. Gurbin (Bruce-Grey):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Agriculture. Since 1980 the Minister has suggested and promised a number of measures which might help Canadian agriculture. He will be aware that Farm Credit Corporation rates are between 14 per cent and 15 per cent for long-term financing. Does the Minister have any specific measures to bring before the House so that we may pass them before the end of June?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, I am not sure if I understood the last part of the Member's question. To bring in amendments to the Act before the House adjourns? If that is what he is expecting, I doubt it very much.

## MINISTER'S POSITION

**Mr. G. M. Gurbin (Bruce-Grey):** Mr. Speaker, my question deals specifically with the high interest rates paid by farmers

dealing with the FCC, and the now lapsed measures to assist farmers who were in severe difficulty. The Minister has indicated several times that he is looking at this and he intended to do something in order to provide relief for those farmers who cannot afford to pay interest rates of up to 16¾ per cent, which they had to deal with previously.

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, I do hope we are able to do something about that in the very near future.

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## PETITION

## MR. WENMAN—COURT PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING CHILDREN

**Mr. Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the House that the petition presented by the Hon. Member for Fraser Valley West (Mr. Wenman) on Friday, May 25, 1984, meets the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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## POINT OF ORDER

## MR. HNATYSHYN—UNPARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE OF MR. TRUDEAU

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Over the weekend I had occasion to read page 4047 of *Hansard*. I withdrew the accusation of liar which I addressed to the Hon. Member for Saskatoon West (Mr. Hnatyshyn) conditionally. I was hoping that over the weekend we would all reflect on these conditions. I have returned to page 4041 of *Hansard* and I see that after a statement made by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde). The Hon. Member for Saskatoon West is recorded as saying:

Are you calling those people liars?

I then interjected by saying:

Are you? You're the liar.

These are clearly unparliamentary words, Mr. Speaker, and I want to withdraw them unconditionally.

I do hope that the Hon. Member for Saskatoon West will re-read the exchange as recorded on page 4047 where he said that he told the truth when he shouted to the Minister of Finance that the Minister was saying accountants and lawyers were liars. I then accused the Hon. Member on a point of order by saying that this was imputing motives. In fairness, Mr. Speaker, I suppose it was probably not imputing motives but it was putting offensive words, words like "telling a lie to the Minister of Finance", on the record. Therefore, I would hope that the conditionality of my withdrawal which is now withdrawn will lead the Hon. Member for Saskatoon West to say a few words in comment.