

Oral Questions

Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, did obtain a price in Canada for copper from the Canadian refineries which was lower than the world price or the London Exchange price. This may be a situation which could be looked at again.

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CAPE BRETON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**ALLEGED ERRONEOUS ISSUANCE OF T4 SLIPS—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION**

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. In view of the fact the House leader has a copy of my earlier motion and I have the T4 slips available to show the errors, why would the government deny to Mr. William Campbell, and others in similar circumstances, the services of an officer of this House in order to investigate these injustices?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I think the connection between the premise to the question and the question itself is a bit esoteric, but I will look into it and try to understand the sense of the question.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, inasmuch as the Prime Minister continues to make the same promise in respect of Devco legislation and as the Minister of Justice has gone far afield, will he give the Minister of Justice a sabbatical leave in order that he may catch up on the law?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I am glad to see that the hon. member is back from his sabbatical leave.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. I should like to assure the Prime Minister that I am back on him, too.

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PERFORMING ARTS**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS MADE PRIOR TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF GUIDELINES**

Mr. Jack Cullen (Sarnia-Lambton): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State, and I should like to compliment him on the introduction of a new performing arts policy. In view of the fact that the policy he announced today has a retroactive effect on those who applied prior to and during the preparation of the policy, not knowing the ground rules, and as hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised and in some cases spent, will he undertake to give serious consideration to reviewing each of these earlier applications with a view to judging them on their merits, notwithstanding the new guidelines?

An hon. Member: Especially the Sarnia Ballet.

Mr. Cullen: Especially the Sarnia Arts.

[Mr. Trudeau.]

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): Yes, Mr. Speaker, but I think in fairness to those groups, and I know how strongly the hon. member feels about the Sarnia application, it is important that we stick to the guidelines as that is precisely why we introduced a policy of having guidelines under which groups can respond, rather than carrying on in the ad hoc fashion we had been following in the past.

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SPORTS**SUGGESTED PROHIBITION OF TELEVISION OF NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE GAMES IN CANADA TO PROTECT REVENUES OF CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE TEAMS**

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Since the government has indicated that, if necessary, it is prepared to introduce legislation to prevent the World Football League from operating in Canada as a means of protecting the revenues of Canadian Football League teams, in the interests of consistency does the government now intend to advise the CBC not to use its national network to broadcast NFL games on Sunday afternoons at the same time that CFL games are played, in order to maximize the television revenues of the CFL?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will take that question as a representation by the hon. member and will look into it. It may be a helpful suggestion.

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, in view of that non-answer, as usual, by the Prime Minister, will he advise the House why it is that the government is prepared to engage in measures to set up a monopoly aimed at preserving the earnings of the business organizations that control and operate CFL teams? Would you give me an answer to that?

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AGRICULTURE**REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE NO CATTLE TREATED WITH DES IMPORTED INTO CANADA**

Mr. Norval Horner (Battleford-Kindersley): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Agriculture. Can he confirm that there are no cattle to his knowledge coming into this country that have been treated with DES?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I should think that any feeder who is using DES under the laws of the United States following the lifting of their ban would be foolish, because there would be no efficiency in doing that in respect of cattle shipped into Canada. However, I do not think anyone can guarantee that there are or are not such cattle coming in.