

Oral Questions

● (1530)

[Translation]

Mr. Fortin: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Lotbinière on a point of order.

Mr. Fortin: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order concerning the answer which has just been given by the Solicitor General. A while ago, my colleague from Bellechasse asked the same question to the Minister of Justice who answered it was under the jurisdiction of the Solicitor General. Now the latter answers that it does not come under his department.

Mr. Speaker, given the seriousness of the crimes perpetrated in New Brunswick as in other provinces, I feel that the government instead of merely extending its sympathy to the family should see to the full administration of justice in Canada for the protection of those people instead of returning the ball to one another.

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[English]

PENITENTIARIES

EXPERIMENT IN AVERSION THERAPY—PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF INMATES

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask whether the Solicitor General is informed about experiments identified as "aversion therapy" being practised on inmates of Kingston Penitentiary and, if so, during these experiments how are the fundamental rights of inmates protected?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): I would have to check into that, Mr. Speaker. I was informed at one time about this project but I do not at the moment have the details at hand.

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AGRICULTURE

BEEF—POSSIBILITY PRODUCERS HAVE TO APPLY FOR SUBSIDY—METHOD OF DETERMINING SIZE OF HERD

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Agriculture pertaining to his statement on Friday, December 13. Will the cattle producers have to make application before they receive the support price, or will it be automatic in cases where the prices were lower than those in respect of which he announced would be the support level?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, they will have to make application and it will apply to all cattle sold before the date given, November 16 through to April 30. The herd size will be related to that date in December, and no less than 2 per cent with a maximum of 5 per cent of the herds will be allowed to be delivered.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. Korchinski: Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether I should direct my supplementary question to the same minister or the Minister of Justice. I should like to know what method the minister will use to determine the 2 per cent or 5 per cent of the total herds. Will it be on the honour system or will there be some inspection?

Mr. Whelan: Mr. Speaker, we are asking for provincial co-operation and I understand that all the provinces so far that have reported fully intend to offer their assistance, through their Ag-Reps, and will have affidavits made out by the people as to the size of the herds on the date they make application.

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PUBLIC SERVICE

ADVISORY GROUP ON COMPENSATION FOR EXECUTIVES—DATE REPORT RECEIVED IN RELATION TO DRAFTING OF BILL C-44

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that Allan Lambert, president of the Toronto-Dominion Bank, is chairing an advisory group on compensation in the public service for top level executives, I would ask the President of the Privy Council whether that group has presented its recommendations to the government and, if so, was it before the drafting of Bill C-44?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware whether the report has been presented, but I can assure the hon. gentleman that for that very reason it had no influence.

Mr. Nystrom: Mr. Speaker, I believe the President of the Treasury Board was prepared to answer my question. Perhaps I might direct it to him. Has the report been presented to his office and, if so, what are its recommendations?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (President of Treasury Board): Not that I know of, Mr. Speaker, but I will check.

Mr. Nystrom: Just to clarify the point with the President of the Treasury Board, Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask whether he said he is not aware of any recommendations or he is not aware that the report has been completed and presented to his office?

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, I am not aware that the report has been presented but I will check.

POSSIBILITY OF UNION SIGNING CONTRACT FOR EIGHT YEARS

Hon. Jean Chrétien (President of Treasury Board): While I am on my feet, Mr. Speaker, I should like to answer a question put to me by the leader of the NDP yesterday. If we were to have any union in Canada that wanted a contract for eight years with an increase of 50 per cent I think we would sign at any time.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!