

## IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF TRANSITIONAL PAYMENT TO PRAIRIE FARMERS

**Mr. R. R. Southam (Ou'Appelle-Moose Mountain):** In view of the serious decline in farm cash receipts, amounting to 5.8 per cent as has just been mentioned, will the government give serious consideration to paying the \$100 million transitional acreage payment to western farmers whose cash receipts are much lower than the national average?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** That payment could be made very quickly if Bill C-244 were passed.

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

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

## INTERPROVINCIAL MARKETING—VALIDITY OF PROVINCIAL MARKETING BOARD ORDERS—REFERENCE TO SUPREME COURT

**Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar):** May I ask the Minister of Justice whether, in light of the decision by the Supreme Court on the Manitoba application establishing the authority of the federal government, it is his intention to seek a decision from the Supreme Court respecting the validity of the marketing orders which have been issued or are being issued by provincial marketing boards and provincial governments as a further move to establish the federal authority?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** I stated when the decision was announced on Monday that I would be discussing the significance of that decision with the Minister of Agriculture. We shall be announcing further government policies in due course.

**Mr. Gleave:** May I point out to the Minister of Justice that I did not ask whether consultation was in progress. I asked what would be the legal approach, the legal attitude of the minister and the government.

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** I think the hon. member is asking about the legal approach. He is really asking what the policy repercussions of the decision will be, and I have told him that this question is being reviewed.

## INTERPROVINCIAL MARKETING—QUEBEC POSITION RESPECTING SUPREME COURT DECISION—REFERENCE TO COURT

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** In view of the fact that officials of FEDCO have announced that in their opinion the decision of the Supreme Court in the Manitoba case does not affect the operations of FEDCO, which probably means that until a decision has been reached by the Quebec courts nothing will be changed for the Manitoba producers, would the government give consideration to making an early reference of this matter to the Supreme Court of Canada?

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** As I understand it, that particular case is currently before the Court of Appeal in Quebec and will proceed eventually, I suppose, to the Supreme Court of Canada.

[Translation]

## QUEBEC—CONSTITUTIONALITY OF OPERATIONS OF FEDCO

**Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Justice a supplementary question.

Could he tell the House whether the Quebec egg marketing agency called FEDCO got in touch with him or with his office in order to ascertain that its activities in the province of Quebec are constitutional?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** Not so far as I know, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Will the government not take advantage of the right it has to apply to intervene in the Quebec case and facilitate the rapid passage of that case through the Appeal Court and then to the Supreme Court of Canada so that an authoritative decision can be had?

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** The federal government has taken a positive course already. The Supreme Court accepted most of the arguments put forward in the favour of the federal government.

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

[Translation]

## INTERPROVINCIAL MARKETING—EARLY CONSIDERATION OF FARM PRODUCTS MARKETING AGENCIES BILL AFTER SUMMER RECESS

**Mr. Speaker:** Does the hon. member for Joliette wish to ask a supplementary question?

**Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask a supplementary question to the Minister of Agriculture.

Since Bill C-176 represents the last hope for the farmers, taking into account the Supreme Court ruling and since the farmers will have to wait until fall to benefit from this bill, would the Minister of Agriculture assure the House that he will recommend to the government that Bill C-176 be one of the first pieces of legislation to be discussed after the summer recess.

[English]

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** I might like to recommend that course, but there are some other priorities which have already been announced.

**Mr. Bell:** We found that out last night.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. We have already had quite a few supplementaries on this subject. The hon. member for Regina East will be recognized and then I shall recognize the hon. member for Algoma on a different subject, I hope.