

was the hesitation on the part of Secretary Butz of the United States or on the part of the minister himself?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to say to the hon. member that any eggs, as long as they are good eggs, are all right by me. We did discuss many aspects of agricultural trade between our two countries.

**Mr. Speaker:** One supplementary, the hon. member for Mackenzie.

**Mr. Korchinski:** A supplementary question. Since it appears that officials have to correct any impression which may have been left there at the moment, may I ask the minister how long he expects these negotiations will take in order to come out with another policy or a change in the present policy?

**Mr. Whelan:** Soon, Mr. Speaker.

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[Translation]

#### LABOUR CONDITIONS

##### STRIKE AT THETFORD MINES—REQUEST OF THE WORKERS FOR AID—GOVERNMENT ACTION

**Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Prime Minister.

Considering that the strike in the asbestos industry at Thetford Mines has been lasting for a long time, and the importance that the Prime Minister formerly attached to the asbestos strike, in company with the present Ministers of Transport and Communications, could the Prime Minister tell the House whether he has received any protests on behalf of the Thetford Mines workers who are asking help from the central government, and further, since it is a matter of national health involving, not only provincial but also federal authorities, could he tell the House whether the government has been in touch with the employers there and whether he has given an answer to the workers who are asking for federal help to settle the dispute that has already lasted too long?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, as I indicated earlier in one of my answers, some aspects are under federal responsibility. For example, the federal Department of the Environment is responsible for environmental matters. But I understand that the present conflict is not directly under federal jurisdiction. The question asked by the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe on the processing of raw materials can fall under federal responsibility, as well as environmental matters but I repeat for the hon. member what I told the comrades of Thetford, this matter is not directly under federal jurisdiction.

**Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue):** Mr. Speaker, I want to put a supplementary question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Would the minister consider it advisable to present a pilot project in that region to implement the principle of

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the guaranteed annual income, which would settle the present dispute at least in part?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I do not think the hon. member's proposal would help settle the conflict at the present time.

### ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

#### GRAIN

##### TABLING OF REPORT ON BILL S-10, TO AMEND THE FEEDS ACT

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2), I wish to table in both official languages copies of a report made by me pursuant to section 3 of the Canadian Bill of Rights, relating to Bill S-10, an act to amend the Feeds Act.

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#### INDUSTRY

##### TABLING OF PUBLICATION "PRIVATE AND PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN CANADA"

**Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2), I wish to table in both official languages copies of a publication entitled "Private and Public Investment in Canada".

### QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 1,198, 1,228, 1,249, 1,265, 1,326, 1,346, 1,369, 1,512, 1,536, 1,541, 1,542, 1,544, 1,545, 1,558, 1,568, 1,592, 1,593, 1,601, 1,680, 1,703, 1,704, 1,706, 1,731, 1,737, 1,749, 1,750, 1,754, 1,757, 1,769, 1,770, 1,772, 1,775, 1,809, 1,811, 1,816, 1,817, 1,818, 1,826, 1,833, 1,850, 1,856, 1,859, 1,865, 1,866, 1,871, 1,873, 1,886, 1,887, 1,896, 1,899, 1,902, 1,905, 1,914, 1,936, 1,957, 2,037, 2,040 and 2,087.

Mr. Speaker, if questions No. 84, 724, 1,340 and 1,851 could be made orders for return, these returns would be tabled immediately.

Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call starred questions No. 1,707 and 1,791?

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.