

*Inquiries of the Ministry***AGRICULTURE****PRICE OF DRESSED HOGS—ACTION UNDER AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION ACT**

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. On October 27 I asked the Parliamentary Secretary if the minister or the government were prepared to initiate action under the Agricultural Stabilization Act to make payments to hog producers in the Prairie provinces in view of the fact that the price for hogs, basis dressed weight, has fallen below the support price of \$22.17 per hundredweight. Can the minister now reply to this question?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Yes, Mr. Speaker. With regard to this question I may say the mandatory price support for hogs under the Agricultural Stabilization Act is calculated on a national weighted average price to producers which currently is \$23.74. I wish to advise the hon. member that the national weighted price for hogs for all of 1970 and up to and including October 10 was \$31.95 per hundredweight.

INTERPROVINCIAL MARKETING—REQUEST FOR REFERENCE TO SUPREME COURT

Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent-Essex): My question is for the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the continued concern of provincial authorities and the agricultural industry over the conflicting views concerning jurisdiction with regard to interprovincial trade, does the government now intend to ask for a Supreme Court reference in this matter?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): No, Mr. Speaker. After conversations with officials of my own department as well as officials of the provincial Departments of Agriculture, I am convinced that the most satisfactory solution is to proceed with Bill C-176. I say that for reasons I have explained in this House many times.

Mr. Danforth: I wish to ask a supplementary question based on the answer of the minister. The bill is very complex. Can the minister indicate how soon after the passage of the bill we may expect it to have some influence on this very serious problem?

Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I doubt whether the question is in order.

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NATIONAL AND ROYAL ANTHEMS**INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION**

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): I have a question for the Government House Leader. I had no success last session with his predecessor on this matter. Can the minister indicate whether legislation will be introduced this session dealing with Canada's national and/or royal anthems?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): It is possible that the House will deal with this question this session, Mr. Speaker. I am presently considering when and how this might be done.

[Mr. Sharp.]

PENSIONS**RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY**

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. It is based on assurances of progress given several times last session by the minister. Has a reciprocal pension agreement between Canada and the Federal Republic of Germany yet been reached?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Agreement has not yet been reached, Mr. Speaker. I visited Germany with my officials. Approximately two weeks ago we had a very extensive meeting with representatives of the German government. Another such meeting is planned for this month in the hope that agreement will be reached in the early part of January. If this schedule is adhered to, it will not be implemented until it has been dealt with by the German parliament.

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NATIONAL SECURITY**MURDER OF PIERRE LAPORTE, KIDNAPPING OF JAMES CROSS—ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFER OF REWARDS**

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, at the beginning of the question period a question was directed to me concerning a reward. I answered that this matter was under very close consideration by the two governments, the federal government and the government of Quebec. I now wish to add to that answer. A reward has now been authorized and a statement has been given to the press.

Some hon. Members: How much?

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): May I ask the minister how much the reward will amount to, who authorized it and when it will be made available?

Mr. McIlraith: It has been authorized by the governments directly concerned, Mr. Speaker. There are several rewards involved, and it is up to the figure indicated in the press release. The total amount is quite adequate.

An hon. Member: Will you share the press release?

Mr. McIlraith: I will be very glad to bring the press release before the House immediately the final revision is issued.

Mr. Hees: I rise on a question of privilege. When the question was asked a short time ago the minister said this decision had not been made and gave no indication that it would be made. Now he says that a press release has been issued. Obviously the answer he gave me is in contravention of the rules of the House. It is about time you started treating this House with some respect instead of insulting it.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.