

POLLUTION

ARCTIC WATERS POLLUTION PREVENTION ACT—
INQUIRY AS TO PROCLAMATION

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister which in a way is related to several questions asked today about the environment. Why has the Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act which was passed, I think it is fair to say, with a fanfare of trumpets a couple of years ago, not been proclaimed?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I believe the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development answered a little while ago that the regulations to be published under that act have not been yet satisfactorily drawn up but that he expected this to be done very soon.

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TRANSPORT

RAPESEED MEAL—ALLEGED FREIGHT RATE
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WESTERN CRUSHERS

Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. In light of the great economic importance of the rapeseed crop to western farmers, would the minister investigate and report on what action may be taken with respect to what appear to be discriminatory freight rates related to the movement of rapeseed meal, whereby it costs a western crusher 79 cents per hundredweight to move rapeseed meal from Thunder Bay to Montreal—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It seems to me a question such as this should normally be placed on the order paper. The hon. member will agree that the question appears to be rather long and is conveying information.

Mr. Southam: On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, this matter is of great urgency and has just come to my attention. I should like the privilege of finishing my question.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I will allow the hon. member to finish his question, but from time to time I bring to the attention of hon. members that it is helpful to everybody if they try to limit the length of questions.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Speaker, the meat of the question is that it costs a western crusher 79 cents per hundredweight to move crushed meal from Thunder Bay to Montreal whereas an eastern crusher can move meal over the same route for 44 cents per hundredweight.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I will either take note of the question from *Hansard* or if the hon. member will send me the sheet on which his question is written I will be glad to look into it.

Inquiries of the Ministry

SUPPLY AND SERVICES

TRANSFER FROM REGINA TO WINNIPEG OF AUDIT
SERVICES BUREAU—REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Supply and Services. In view of the minister's expressed interest in the dispersal of government facilities geographically, would he undertake to review the decision of his department to close the audit services bureau in Regina and transfer it to Winnipeg?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That, of course, is a representation. The hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar has a supplementary to the previous question.

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GRAIN

RAPESEED—ACTION TO REGULATE OPERATION OF
WINNIPEG FUTURES MARKET

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, may I direct my question to the minister in charge of the Wheat Board. In view of some of the difficulties we have experienced in pricing rapeseed, is it the minister's intention to introduce further regulation of the operation of the futures market in Winnipeg?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, we had in the House exchanges on this subject earlier in the week. We have received representations concerning use of the Grain Futures Act or modification of it. We have also had similar recommendations made by the rapeseed committee. We are giving consideration to the best form of action to implement the purport of these recommendations.

Mr. Gleave: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I will allow the hon. member a last supplementary. There are only three minutes before the end of the question period and hon. members asking supplementaries must realize that they are preventing questions from members around them.

Mr. Gleave: I ask the minister if he would be prepared to have Canadian Wheat Board officials and representatives of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange appear before the Standing Committee on Agriculture so we may question them regarding pricing developments and arrangements?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I would want to give consideration to this representation and to whether it would be best to do that at this stage or in connection with legislative action.