

*Canada Shipping Act*

2. In 1985, what was the amount in kilograms of the largest single annual quota allocated to any firm or individual?

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** 1. Statistics Canada reported 20,693,000 kg. of imported cheese in 1985. Permit issuance for imported cheese totalled 20,393,420 kg. for 1985.

2. Information with respect to the allocations each firm or individual has received is deemed, under current government policy, to be confidential and, accordingly, cannot be divulged. That policy, however, is under review at this time.

## ESQUIMALT GRAVING DOCK

Question No. 540—**Mr. McKinnon:**

Does the government briefing document given to possible purchasers of the Graving Dock at Esquimalt, B.C., list among the development opportunities the construction of icebreakers for Soviet bloc countries and, if so (a) is this the same Graving Dock which is barred to Polish fishing vessels because of a possible security risk (b) how many requests for construction of Soviet bloc icebreakers have been sought or received?

**Hon. Stewart McInnes (Acting Minister of Public Works):** The briefing document provided to potential purchasers of the Esquimalt Graving Dock did not list among possible development opportunities the construction of icebreakers for Soviet bloc countries.

[*Translation*]

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

**Mr. Speaker:** The questions enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions stand?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

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## MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

**Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I ask that all notices of motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand.

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall all notices of motions be allowed to stand?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

[*English*]

## CANADA SHIPPING ACT AND RELATED ACTS

## MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed from Tuesday, April 29, consideration of Bill C-75, an Act to amend the Canada Shipping Act and to amend the Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act, the

Maritime Code Act and the Oil and Gas Production and Conservation Act in consequence thereof, as reported (with amendments) from a legislative committee; and Motions Nos. 5, 6 and 11 (Mr. Angus, p. 12764).

**Mr. Speaker:** There seemed to be a little uncertainty about the end of the ruling I gave yesterday. I thought we had heard arguments. I said I would hear arguments today, but other Hon. Members indicated they wanted to put arguments yesterday. I gather there has been some interpretation of the ruling I gave yesterday that I would allow further argument now. Therefore, I am now prepared to allow further procedural argument if there are those who wish to do so.

**Mr. Ouellet:** Mr. Speaker, I appreciate being allowed to make representation on an amendment presented by my colleague, the Hon. Member for Westmorland-Kent (Mr. Robichaud). In suggesting yesterday that the amendment may be out of order, the Chair made reference to two citations; first, Citation 773(7) of Beauchesne's Fifth Edition and, second, Citation 246(3) of Beauchesne's Fourth Edition.

The problem we have is that both of these citations are based upon procedures that are no longer followed by the House. Beauchesne's Fourth Edition was written at a time when all spending Bills were based upon detailed resolutions that were debated and open to amendment in a Committee of the Whole before the actual Bill was given first reading. In December, 1968, the rules of the House were changed and the resolution stage was eliminated. It was replaced by a Message from the Governor General recommending the purposes of the Bill and printed on the Order Paper and Notices and on the Bill itself.

Beauchesne's Fifth Edition, Citation 773(7), was written after the adoption of the new rules but it refers to a Bill that was introduced very shortly after these rules were adopted when it was the practice to make the Royal Recommendation very detailed, almost as detailed, indeed, as the old resolution. Under our present practices, however, the Royal Recommendation is not at all detailed. It merely states that Her Excellency recommends to the House a Bill entitled, and so on.

The purpose of the Recommendation procedure is to preserve the financial initiative of the Crown, that is, to give effect to the constitutional provision that the House cannot spend any more money than recommended by the Government. That is the only purpose of the Recommendation.

The amendment of the Hon. Member for Westmorland—Kent does not create an additional new expenditure. It does not impose a new charge upon the Treasury and therefore does not go beyond the purposes of the Bill as recommended by the Governor General.

The citations mentioned by the Chair have been over-taken by time. If they are to be taken literally, they preclude any amendment to the Bill at all, because the form of the Royal Recommendation is that the Governor General recommends, not just certain provisions of the Bill, but the whole Bill. That