

Inquiries of the Ministry

the minister inform the house whether all or most of the countries mentioned in article 6, page 23, of the international grain agreement, 1967, have signed the convention?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I do not think I can say that most have done so. A number have, and I am quite sure all will sign within the time provided.

POWER**COLUMBIA RIVER—REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON OVERDUE BONUS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Could the minister inform the house what success he has had to date in collecting the \$12 million due the government of British Columbia for the early completion of the Duncan dam, and the interest on that sum to which the provincial government claims it is entitled?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I do not think this question should be asked as a matter of urgency today.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**ADJOURNMENT AT 5 P.M. ON FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 10**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Michael Starr (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the government house leader. In view of the tentative agreement that for a very good reason this house adjourn tomorrow at five o'clock, would the house leader consider proposing an order of the house to that effect?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Yes, Mr. Speaker, if it is agreeable to have the adjournment tomorrow at five o'clock. We hope to continue with the second reading of the bill on capital punishment tomorrow, and adjourn at five o'clock. If that is agreeable it might be put in the form of the house order now.

Mr. Speaker: Is it so ordered?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: It is ordered that this house adjourn tomorrow, Friday, at five o'clock in the afternoon.

[Mr. McLelland.]

FINANCE**TAX INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE
GREATER PRODUCTIVITY**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. George Hees (Northumberland): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Finance. In view of what appears to be the first step in the movement toward wage parity between this country and the United States, which will require far greater productivity to enable our industries to compete with the larger industries of that country, would the government give consideration to introducing, as early as possible, tax incentives to induce the necessary increase in productivity?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I would doubt whether tax incentives are the best way of bringing about increases in productivity. I believe the government's policies for the improvement of training, mobility, technical progress and scientific research are by far superior.

Mr. Hees: As a supplementary question, does the minister believe that his policies are having the desired effect at the present time? Because, if he does, nobody else in the country agrees with him.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member's supplementary is argumentative.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF SPENDING PRIORITIES IN
CO-OPERATION WITH PROVINCES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Heward Graffey (Brome-Missisquoi): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Finance. Is the government going to offer federal leadership by making proposals to establish spending priorities in co-operation with the provinces, at the forthcoming meeting with provincial ministers of finance?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I expect we will be dealing with the provinces next week. We will certainly be giving them leadership, which I hope they will follow, in reducing the demands upon our financial markets.

FISHERIES**SUGGESTED CONFERENCE TO REVIEW
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (Queens-Lunenburg): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of Fisheries. In view of the