

optimism that recommendations will be brought forward unanimously which will help us to introduce the appropriate regulations. I do not know how long this will take.

FISHERIES

ASSISTANCE TO SASKATCHEWAN FISHERMEN BECAUSE OF MERCURY POLLUTION

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. Has the province of Saskatchewan requested some arrangement for the provision of assistance to those fishermen whose livelihood will be affected as a result of mercury pollution in Saskatchewan?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): The answer is no, Mr. Speaker.

NATIONAL PARKS

SUPREME COURT DECISION UPHOLDING VALIDITY OF PERPETUAL LEASES

Mr. Allen B. Sulatycky (Rocky Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Has the minister completed his study of the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada with respect to perpetual leases in the national parks, and is he now prepared to provide answers to the questions I asked on March 20 last?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I am not in a position to report any decision in this regard to the House. Officials of my department and of the Department of Justice are examining this Supreme Court decision and we will subsequently announce government policy for the solution of the problem.

[English]

TRANSPORT

SHIPMENT OF OIL BY TANKER SUBMARINES UNDER ARCTIC ICE

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Can the minister indicate whether discussions have been held between officials of his department and General Dynamics of the United States concerning tanker submarines

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for transporting oil under the Arctic ice? If so, would he indicate whether a study is under way to determine the best type of undersea navigational aids required and whether such a study would involve the establishing of an east coast terminal?

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps the minister might want to reply to the first part of the question. The second part appears to me to be very technical and it seems to me should be replied to by way of a statement on motions. If the hon. member will agree to the suggestion, the minister might reply to the first part of the question.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): What might be described as low-level talks—that is, I cannot say there is any great degree of urgency in them—have been initiated with various groups who come to see us with various proposals for the transportation of substances under water. But I do not think it is something I would regard as being a priority item in the government's mind at present.

ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBMARINE IDENTIFICATION ZONE

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): I should like to direct my supplementary question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In light of the question just posed and all the discussion of anti-pollution measures, can the minister indicate whether the government is giving any consideration to the establishment of a submarine identification zone inasmuch as military vessels are also great sources of pollution?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): I find the question rather general in nature. Perhaps the hon. member could be more specific. What area is he referring to? Is he talking about the Arctic?

Mr. Forrestall: Perhaps I should rephrase my question. Is the government giving any consideration to the establishment of submarine identification zones in our Arctic and off our east and west coasts?

POLLUTION

THE ARCTIC—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON MEASURES TO ENFORCE ANTI-POLLUTION PROVISIONS

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, perhaps the Prime Minister will recall that some time ago I