

Oral Questions

resulting in continued unemployment, when will the Minister extend the long-term enterprise allocations these companies need to become economically viable?

Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): Madam Speaker, I would like to say to the Hon. Member that it was at the request of the different Atlantic Ministers of Fisheries that the decision was taken at the end of last year not to renew the enterprise allocations, pending the solving of the restructuring question. For a temporary period of time what has been decided is to prolong for three months, or a little more than that, enterprise allocations, until the new configuration of the industry is decided upon, whereby afterwards we will be able to discuss the enterprise allocations program.

Mr. Crouse: I thank the Hon. Minister for that reply. I hope he will make the next three-month allocation known very shortly.

GOVERNMENT MARKETING POLICIES

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Madam Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the same Minister. The main unresolved question following the tabling of the Kirby report concerns the four recommendations in the marketing section, numbered 34, 35, 36 and 37. Since these recommendations, if implemented, will give massive power and control to the federal Government over the fishing industry, a threat which is causing considerable apprehension throughout the entire industry, when can it expect a final decision from the Minister with regard to the Government's marketing policies?

Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): Madam Speaker, I say to the Hon. Member that we do not have the same interpretation of the Kirby recommendations on marketing. I would even tell him that we invited the Government of Nova Scotia to give us its official point of view. I also have some ideas that I shared with them. On the question of marketing, not only do we have the structure one can think of, but more fundamentally the question we must ask ourselves is: in view of the increased supply which we will have between now and 1987, how will we together expand the fishing market?

If Canada and the United States would consume one pound more per year per capita, it would amount to over 300 million pounds. We are a way down compared with Europe, on fishing consumption. We must expand the market, otherwise it might be wiser to leave the fish in the water than to depress prices, as we might have downside pressure for the next few years. There are many initiatives upon which the Government will be embarking, as I have announced, after its decision on the Kirby report.

TRANSPORT

URBAN TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM—
ERNESTOWN TOWNSHIP, ONT. PROJECT

Mr. Bill Vankoughnet (Hastings-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. Could the Minister give any indication as to the status of a request for funding assistance under the federal Urban Transportation Assistance Program for the proposed mainline CN rail grade separation in Ernestown Township. It is my understanding that Urban Transportation Assistance Program funds are currently fully committed in Ontario. Considering the extreme importance this arterial road project will have, for local industrial development, has the Minister discussed with his Cabinet colleague, the Minister of Finance, the level of funding in the upcoming budget for UTAP?

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Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport): Madam Speaker, it is either one of two things. Either this project has already been approved by the Government of Ontario, my Department and by the CTC and, if that is so, I will check and inform my hon. friend. If it is a new program, then I will have to tell the Hon. Member—and he seems to know—that Ontario has used all its funds in the UTA Program which ends in 1984. With respect to the future, I have a paper before cabinet now, which has not yet been studied, having to do with the creation of what I call the “son of UTAP”. The decision as to whether it will be born or not is still to be made.

REQUEST THAT PRIORITY BE ASSIGNED TO PROJECT

Mr. Bill Vankoughnet (Hastings-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington): Madam Speaker, again my question is for the Minister of Transport. It is my understanding that this program has been approved by the Ontario Government and that it is funding from the federal Government that is holding it up. Will the Minister make this a priority in the upcoming budget for the next fiscal year?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport): Madam Speaker, sometimes the Government of Ontario approves a program under UTAP for which there is no money in the bank. That, of course, is not a real approval. But again, I will check on the Hon. Member's case. If it is a matter of there being no funds available, then I am sorry but my hon. friend will have to count on the Government of Ontario to carry the program alone, or he will have to wait to see if we will have the “son of UTAP”.

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EMPLOYMENT

STUDENT PROTEST AGAINST CREATION OF MILITARY JOBS

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): My question, Madam Speaker, is for the Minister of Employment and