

of British Columbia and in light of the very special problems faced by that province, will the minister advise today how his negotiations are going with that province and whether it will be designated under the program.

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** As to the first part of the question, Mr. Speaker, the hon. member knows the province of British Columbia was not particularly keen on the idea of having special areas within B.C. designated. We, of course, accepted their views in that regard. The alternative was to have been, and I hope still will be, to designate special sectors, for example the northeastern and the northwestern parts of the province about which the hon. member and I have had conversations before. We are making progress in that direction. I can only repeat what I said to the hon. member on earlier occasions. For my part, I am prepared to talk with British Columbia as soon as the details can be worked out. My officials are being very active in trying to achieve that particular goal.

**Mr. Oberle:** In light of the very special problems in the province of British Columbia with respect to the lifting of the freight freeze, in light of the area's problems with unemployment, which in some regions is in excess of 12 per cent, and in light of the government's intention to use the Department of Regional Economic Expansion to cushion the effects of the two problems I have mentioned, will the minister state today whether he will make a special trip to talk to the government of British Columbia, explain the program to them and make it as attractive to them as it is to other provinces?

**Mr. Jamieson:** Mr. Speaker, the one line answer is yes. I will be very glad to go to British Columbia at any time or to welcome any members of that government here. I will make some inquiries as to whether an early trip might prove to be productive in terms of what the government of British Columbia is prepared to do.

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#### CRIMINAL CODE

##### DATE OF INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENTS TO BAIL PROVISIONS—REQUEST FOR COPY OF STUDY ON OPERATION OF PRESENT BAIL PROVISIONS

**Mr. Allan Lawrence (Northumberland-Durham):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Justice. In view of the fact the minister on several occasions outside the House said he will be presenting amendments to the Bail Reform Act, will he advise when he will introduce these amendments?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, the amendments to the bail law which are being contemplated will be contained in the general amendments to the Criminal Code which will come later in this session.

**Mr. Lawrence:** Can the minister confirm that a special study or a special set of statistics has been prepared for him by Statistics Canada in respect of the present operation of the Bail Reform Act? If so, why can we not get copies of that study?

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**Mr. Lang:** Mr. Speaker, the study to which the hon. member refers has been received. My first step was to distribute the study to the provincial attorneys general so that they could be made aware of it before further steps are taken to make the substance of the study public.

**Mr. Lawrence:** Will the minister do us the courtesy as well and let us have copies of that study?

**Mr. Lang:** As I indicated in my previous answer, Mr. Speaker, my view was that it was best to first allow the provincial attorneys general to see the nature of the statistics so that they would be in a position to reply to comments that might be made rather hastily about it when the basic information is made available to the public.

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#### MANPOWER

##### REQUEST FOR EXPLANATION HOW SYNCRUDE PROJECT WILL CREATE JOBS IN CANADA

**Mr. Cyril Symes (Sault Ste. Marie):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, the Prime Minister and the President of the Treasury Board, I will direct my question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. It relates to Syncrude and has to do with job creation. In view of the fact that in the Syncrude project only 22 per cent of the engineering work is being done by Canadians and that the contractor for Syncrude, namely the American firm Bechtel, is responsible for procuring heavy equipment and components and is doing so from U.S. firms, can the minister explain how the Syncrude project will promote significant investment and job creation in Canada?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to take the question as notice. The engineering aspect to which the hon. member is referring is one stage in a long-term approach.

**Mr. Symes:** Will the government or the minister table in the House figures to show how many construction and engineering contracts in the Syncrude project will go to Canadian firms compared to American firms, and how many Canadian jobs will be created by the project?

**Mr. Andras:** Mr. Speaker, I will give consideration to that and discuss it with the appropriate minister.

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#### FISHERIES

##### CLOSING OF LA HAVE, BROWNS AND GEORGES BANKS TO FISHING—COMPENSATION FOR FISHERMEN

**Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of State (Fisheries). Under the International Commission for North Atlantic Fisheries regulations, the government has proposed closing down all fishing operations on La Have, Browns and Georges Banks to all types of fishing by Canadians, with the exception of ships engaged in lobstering, scalloping and