Order Paper Questions

tracts awarded in the fiscal year 1979-80 were on a fixed price basis.

CONTRACT REGULATIONS—DCL

Question No. 1,815-Mr. Herbert:

Are copies of the current government contracts regulations which pertain to the limits of authority under which Defence Construction (1951) Limited may increase the amounts payable under a contract available to the public?

Mrs. Ursula Appolloni (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): Yes, the amendment to the Government Contracts Regulations as approved under P.C. 1980-2279, 27 August, 1980, was published in *The Canada Gazette*, Part II, Volume 114, Number 7, on September 10, 1980.

[English]

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, if question No. 864 could be made an order for return, this return would be tabled immediately.

Madam Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that question No. 864 be deemed to have been made an order for return?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Text]

LOBSTER-MINIMUM SIZE LIMITS

Question No. 864-Mr. Gass:

- 1. What has been the minimum size limit for lobster in the (a) Gulf of St. Lawrence area (b) Victoria-Cape Breton County area (c) Richmond County to Halifax area (d) Halifax to the U.S. Border area and are the minimum size limits expected to increase in the future and, if so, to what size?
- 2. Will Canadian lobster fishermen be compensated by the government for decreased catches resulting from increased minimum size limits and, if so, to what extent and in what manner will the compensation be paid?

Return tabled.

[English]

Mr. Collenette: I ask, Madam Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Madam Speaker: The questions enumerated by the parliamentary secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Translation]

Madam Speaker: Under the provisions of Standing Order 54, I now leave the chair for the House to go into Committee of the Whole.

• (1510)

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

INCOME TAX ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed from Monday, February 2, consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bill C-54, an act to amend the statute law relating to income tax—Mr. MacEachen—Mr. Francis in the chair.

The Chairman: The House again in Committee of the Whole on Bill C-54, to amend the statute law relating to income tax. When the committee rose on Monday, February 2, 1981, clause 1 of the bill was under consideration and the hon. member for Peterborough had the floor.

On clause 1—

Mr. Domm: Mr. Chairman, dealing with Bill C-54, what is most concerning to me as a member of Parliament from Peterborough, central Ontario, is that during this session of Parliament the Liberal government through acts and bills is gradually moving this country to what I perceive to be a socialist republic. It tends to impose this plan on the Canadian people through a program introduced first with the budget, followed by an energy policy, and now through methods of taxation, in particular this Bill C-54.

I am concerned that the members to our left, the New Democratic Party, in co-operation with the government of today, are making this move toward socialism possible. The danger about this gradual move to a form of socialist republic is that if we, as Canadians, are inclined to accept socialism here in Canada, we as Canadians may forget that was a word invented back in the late nineteenth century to make us believe it is different from communism. The recent troubles in Poland have demonstrated a real lack of freedom in that country, and the Russians have illustrated in their official news releases that socialism and communism are one and the same.

If there is any doubt in this House about the simile of socialism and communism and the right to own property, I would refer them to the statement just two nights ago on national television by the President of the United States. When he was appearing before the news media he said, "Call it socialism, call it communism, call it what you will."

The other very disturbing thing is that socialism or communism eventually leads to totalitarianism, and we have evidence of that start in our country today.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Domm: I can understand why members to our left are somewhat upset on this subject of socialism.

An hon. Member: Because it is a lie.