

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Wednesday, May 7, 1969

The house met at 2 p.m.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

**Mr. Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate have passed Bill C-112, an Act to amend the Farm Machinery Syndicates Credit Act, without any amendment.

### ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

#### COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

##### CONCURRENCE IN EIGHTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**Mr. Bruce S. Beer (Peel-Dufferin-Simcoe)** presented the eighth report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, and moved that the report be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

[Translation]

##### MISCELLANEOUS ESTIMATES

Eighth report of Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates, in French and in English—**Mr. Fernand-E. Leblanc (Laurier)**.

[Editor's Note: Text of foregoing report appears in today's Votes and Proceedings.]

[English]

#### TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

##### REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF AIR CANADA REPORT, AND REPORTS OF AIR CANADA AND C.N.R. AUDITORS

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the house will recall that last week we made comment on the reference to the Standing Committee on Transport of the report of the Canadian National Railways for 1968. It has been suggested that it might also be useful to have the report to parliament of the auditors on the accounts for the C.N.R. for the year ended December 31, 1968, tabled on April 30, 1969, and the report of Air Canada for the year ended December 31, 1968, and the report to

parliament of the auditors on the accounts of Air Canada for the year ended December 31, 1968, both tabled on April 1, 1969, referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications. If the house is agreeable perhaps that could be made an order of the house.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it so ordered?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

### QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

CAPTAIN FELIX HATCHER, NORTH SYDNEY,  
NOVA SCOTIA

Question No. 1,789—**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys):**

1. Was an application for one year's extension of service received by the Department of Fisheries from Captain Felix Hatcher of North Sydney, Nova Scotia, and, if so, on what date?

2. Was a similar application received by the Department from Chief Officer Herbert Lukeman and, if so, on what date?

3. If such applications were received, what was the final disposition in each case and what was the justification for the decision in each case?

4. Were these two applications dealt with by departmental officials at departmental headquarters in Ottawa and, if not, at what departmental level were they disposed of?

5. Is bilingualism a consideration in deciding whether or not to grant an extension of service on ships operated by the Department of Fisheries in the Atlantic region and is it a consideration in filling positions on such ships?

**Mr. E. F. Whelan (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** 1. Yes. On August 8, 1968.

2. Yes. On September 12, 1968.

3. Captain Hatcher's case was reviewed in the region and a decision made that a recommendation to continue his services could not be justified, since qualified persons were available to succeed him.

In Mr. Lukenan's case, it was considered to be in the Department's best interests to continue his services for one further year since the First Officer on the vessel on which