

Mr. George Baker (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of the Environment and Minister of Fisheries):
Madam Speaker—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Baker (Gander-Twillingate): By the time the applause subsides I will be finished. I would like to thank everyone who congratulated me on finally getting into a position of great power in the federal government. It reminds me of how fishermen look upon ministers of fisheries. The minister of fisheries and the premier of our famous province of Newfoundland rode out to Conception Bay to do some fishing. They finally got to the place where they were catching some fish, and the minister of fisheries said, "We don't know where we are, but we shall have to mark this spot somehow." The premier said, "How about putting an X on the bottom of the boat." The minister of fisheries said, "Yes, but we may not have the same boat tomorrow."

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Baker (Gander-Twillingate): The House leader for the New Democratic Party will appreciate what I will be saying in the next two minutes. Who decides where government money is spent in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Quebec or any province but provincial governments? The kind of money I am talking about is the money which is used for industrial development and industrial incentive, and I would love to be in the position of the hon. gentleman who introduced this motion because he could simply pick up the telephone and telephone his friend who was elected with him in 1968

Fisheries Ministry

to this chamber, who is now the minister of fisheries in Newfoundland. If the minister of fisheries of Newfoundland says that his government does not have enough money, then the hon. member can phone another friend of his who was elected in 1968 to this House and who is now the minister of industrial development in Newfoundland. If this is not successful, he can telephone another of his friends who was also elected in 1968 to this chamber, and who is now the premier. Certainly he can get somewhere then. That is where the action is.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Baker (Gander-Twillingate): We must realize that the actual production facilities in a province receive their great incentive from within the province. Consider the government of British Columbia. I wonder why certain sections of its industry are progressive. It is because help has been obtained. B.C. does not have a budget for its department of fisheries which is less than its budget for the department of social services, as is the case in some provinces in this country. May I call it five o'clock, Madam Speaker?

An hon. Member: A minute to go.

An hon. Member: Wrong clock.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): Judging by the clocks in front of me, we will call it five o'clock. The hour provided for the consideration of private members' business has now expired. It being five o'clock, this House stands adjourned until Monday next at 2 p.m.

At 5 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.