

FISHERIES

Hon. William Rompkey (Labrador): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Acting Prime Minister.

The fishermen of Newfoundland and Labrador are running out of restraint because they have run out of funds as of May 15 when their unemployment insurance ran out. There is desperation growing in our province and it is growing to crisis proportions.

I want to ask the government why it is that instead of talking about long-term plans for stock regeneration, it refuses to talk about immediate compensation for fishermen and their families who need the basic necessities of life? Why not announce a compensation program and take its responsibilities not tomorrow but today?

Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I can appreciate the great concern of my colleague opposite and other members from Newfoundland and Labrador, indeed all of us here in the House.

However, I think the member was present yesterday and heard the Prime Minister indicate in very specific terms how concerned this government has been about the situation. The Minister of Fisheries and Oceans has also given similar undertakings, as has the Minister of Employment and Immigration.

I can assure my hon. friend that this government is very seriously considering any interim measures that may be necessary. I think he would agree that today would not be an appropriate time to make an announcement without further information.

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FOETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME

Mr. Rey Pagtakhan (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the minister of health. The health and welfare subcommittee has tabled its report today on foetal alcohol syndrome, the greatest cause of mental retardation in Canada. It is a preventable tragedy and the minister is the person who can do much to prevent it.

Why has this minister failed to introduce warning labels on alcohol as recommended by the same committee five years ago?

Oral Questions

Hon. Gilles Loiselle (President of the Treasury Board and Minister of State (Finance)): Mr. Speaker, I apologize to the hon. member. The spokesman for the department of health has just left Question Period. I am very sorry for that. She will answer the question tomorrow.

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THE TORONTO STAR STRIKE

Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Supply and Services, who just ducked out. The question for the government—

Mr. Speaker: Just a minute. We had interventions in which we all took part for a very significant event. We are running late. I am trying to do the best I can. I do not think we need any comments. I made it quite clear that ministers would probably have to leave.

Mr. Angus: Mr. Speaker, I did not mean he did it on purpose.

My question is for the Minister of Supply and Services. The employees of the *The Toronto Star* have struck that company. The Government of Ontario, the city of Toronto, have all cancelled their government advertising. I would ask this government if they would be prepared to do the same thing.

Hon. Paul Dick (Minister of Supply and Services): Mr. Speaker, I thank the member very much for the proposal and I will take a look at it.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

WEEKLY STATEMENT

Mr. David Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, my question for the government House leader is in regard to the business of the House for today.

Should debate on Bill C-73 collapse later this day, could he indicate to the House what he intends to call for the remaining part of this sitting day?

We have a special session of Parliament tomorrow. Could he also indicate what the business of the House will be commencing after Question Period at 3 p.m. tomorrow, and of course the business for Monday and Tuesday of next week?