

\$18.8 million which was earmarked for the elimination of the outstanding debt on the underwater cable, as expressed in the agreement, will be used for the exclusive purpose of writing off that debt and for no other purpose?

**Hon. Sinclair Stevens (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, the agreement, or the aspect of the package which I signed with Premier Lee last week, does touch on the cable funding and on the repayment with respect to that funding and I would suggest that the Hon. Member, if he wishes further detail on the actual terms of the agreement pertaining to the cable, should consult with my colleague, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.

#### STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO PROVINCIAL MINISTER

**Mr. David Dingwall (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the same Minister. I inform the Minister that the Minister of Energy for the Province of Prince Edward Island has taken the cheque which was presented to him last week of \$9.4 million, which was to be used expressly for writing off that particular debt, and has said publicly that it will be used now for the purposes of subsidizing residential users.

Will the Minister stand in his place and say whether or not he is going to have the Government of Prince Edward Island live up to the agreement, or is he going to be a part of an election slush fund?

**Hon. Sinclair Stevens (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, surely that type of suggestion and reflection on a very honourable Minister in another province should not be made in this House.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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#### FISHERIES

##### SALE OF CANNED TUNA—NEW BRUNSWICK COUNCIL REPORT

**Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. Three very serious charges have been levelled against the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans this week. The first one has been resolved. The tuna has been taken off the shelves. I would like to deal with the allegation made today by the New Brunswick Research and Productivity Council that the tests were not complete before the Minister released that tuna. The Minister has contradicted that. He has made that statement in the House. If the statement made by the New Brunswick Research and Productivity Council is proven to be true, will the Prime Minister ask for the Minister's resignation?

**Hon. John A. Fraser (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans):** Mr. Speaker, this statement has been referred to earlier. I have told the House I am looking into it. I have here the RPC

report of February 11 and the independent report commissioned by myself of April 24—

**Mr. Skelly:** Release it, John.

**Mr. Fraser:** It was not until I had both those reports that any of this stock was released.

**Mr. Skelly:** Release the final report.

**Mr. Fraser:** I will examine the allegation which has been made and I will discuss it with Hon. Members, but I have to tell the Hon. Member that, on the record I have here, perhaps the statement is incorrect.

#### TESTING OF TUNA

**Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, the final outstanding charge with which I would like the Prime Minister to deal is the allegation made by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans earlier this week that all tuna tests since June have been under new guidelines. That was contradicted last night by Fred Allen.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Hon. Member knows that this is now becoming a preamble. Is there a question, please?

**Mr. Fulton:** If that allegation is proven to be untrue, will the Prime Minister ask for the Minister's resignation?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I allowed the Hon. Minister to ask the first part of the question because of the preamble, but I think the Hon. Member knows that a such hypothetical question, such a purely hypothetical question, is normally not asked in this House.

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#### ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

##### DEPORTATION OF ALLEGED AMERICAN CRIMINALS REQUESTED

**Mr. Alex Kindy (Calgary East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Justice and, in his absence, to the Deputy Prime Minister. It concerns Joseph Kindler and Charles Ng, two fugitives from justice who are being kept in Canada at the taxpayers' expense. Could the Minister tell this House whether he is going to invoke the Immigration Act and have those people deported as soon as possible?

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Justice, may I respond to the Hon. Member for Calgary East that in the case of Charles Ng no request has been made as yet for extradition. In the case of Kindler, the case is presently before the courts and it would be inappropriate to prejudice the outcome of that judicial proceeding.

In any event, Mr. Speaker, I think I can assure the House that the Minister of Justice will take his responsibility at the appropriate time in regard to both of these cases.