

Mr. Davis: The reports I have received from the area indicate that the sulphuric acid is being contained and neutralized. There is no evidence of fish kill. However a diversion of water from the French River is also being arranged to dilute the acid if further escapements should occur.

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GRAIN

WHEAT—PAYMENTS UNDER ACREAGE REDUCTION PROGRAM

Mr. A. C. Cadieu (Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the minister in charge of the Wheat Board. Will he assure the House today that the cheques for the first and second payments in respect of the LIFT program will be mailed to recipients before Christmas, as this affects many farmers in the west?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): No, Mr. Speaker, it is not likely that all of the final Lift program payments will be in the mail before Christmas. The office is processing these as quickly as possible but it will certainly be well into the month of January, according to the latest report, before they will be mailed.

Mr. Cadieu: I have a supplementary question.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair has not allowed supplementary questions for the last few minutes. A number of members have been denied this opportunity. Perhaps the question might be pursued on Monday.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

APPOINTMENT OF BLAKE A. CAMPBELL TO FISHERMEN'S DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Mr. T. S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry arising from a statement from the Pacific region office of his department regarding the appointment of Blake A. Campbell to the Indian Fishermen's Development Board. In view of the fact it indicates that Mr. Campbell is secretary of a committee investigating wage and price disputes in the fishing industry, I should like to ask whether this body is just a paper tiger, and if not what has it done since November, 1964, when it issued a summary review of information—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This question can be placed on the "tiger" order paper.

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POLLUTION

USE OF CRIMINAL CODE TO ENFORCE LAWS

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. In view

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of the Reuters report this morning that the Soviet parliament has just approved an anti-pollution measure which provides for criminal proceedings against anyone found guilty of causing pollution, can the minister say whether it will be the policy of the new department of the environment to use the powers of the Criminal Code to enforce new pollution laws?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, I am not sure whether this question involves legal opinion. However, I understand that the Criminal Code underlies certain clauses in the Canada Water Act. If that is so, the answer is yes.

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FISHERIES

MANITOBA—REMOVAL OF PROHIBITION OF MARKETING OF SPECIES CAUGHT IN CERTAIN WATERS

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. In view of the assurances the House has received from the minister that certain industries which have been causing mercury pollution in Manitoba waters have now stopped dumping mercury, can he say whether the regulation which prohibited the marketing of certain species of commercial fresh-water fish from these waters will be lifted for this winter's fishing season? If not, when does the minister feel this order can be lifted?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): The answer is no, Mr. Speaker, it will not be lifted.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES ACT

PROVISION OF SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE, LOAN GUARANTEE, ETC.

The House resumed from Thursday, December 10, consideration of the motion of Mr. Marchand (Langelier) that Bill C-205, to amend the Regional Development Incentives Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Development.

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, I welcome the opportunity to comment on Bill C-205 because it has a particular effect on my province and especially on my district. I probably should have said that it could have had a particular effect on my district because so far, other than the odd dribble of funds—some \$11,000 to a firm to expand a vegetable packing plant, a grant to a hockey stick factory which was later not accepted, and a grant to establish a saw-mill operation—there has not been too much economic or employment advantage which I have seen. It is obvious that the serious unemployment situation, which my col-