

*Oral Questions*

## PROJECTS REFERRED TO BY MINISTER OF FINANCE

**Mr. John Bosley (Don Valley West):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is for the Minister of Finance. Has the Minister seen a list of the dates, the projects, and the funds to which he has already referred today? If he has seen such a list will he table the list that he has referred to and from, or is he just misleading the House again?

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**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, no, I have not seen the list, but it is a well known fact, recognized by the Hon. Member for Kingston and the Islands, that indeed there have been grants given in her riding to help the unemployed.

**Miss MacDonald:** Not under that fund.

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## HOUSE OF COMMONS

## PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ROMANIA

**Mr. Speaker:** I have the honour of drawing the attention of the House to the distinguished presence in our gallery of His Excellency, Stefan Andrei, Minister of External Affairs, from Romania.

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

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## FISHERIES

## FISH FARMING PROPOSAL

**Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans who, I am sure, is aware that this morning the Tories promised West Coast fishermen everything except specifics.

I have a very specific question to ask the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. It results from a document sponsored by him and his Department. The Minister's document concludes that the farming of fish is preferable to the conventional means, such as troll, seine, and gillnet, and makes three specific conclusions: one, fish can be raised and harvested as opposed to hunted; two, genetics can be manipulated to improve the yield; and three, exclusive rights to given resources can be better defined.

Would the Minister rise in his place and tell the fishermen from the West Coast just exactly how far he has gone with this fish farming proposal and how much of it he will bring forward in March with his Cabinet document in support of the Government?

**Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans):** Mr. Speaker, I certainly agree with the Hon. Member that the Official Opposition not only has been totally bankrupt in any

policies they could present about the Pacific fishery but it is so sad that the fishermen of the Pacific Coast have to come to Ottawa to meet with their Conservative Members of Parliament.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Crosbie:** When did you see them?

**Mr. McDermid:** Have you met with them yet?

**Mr. Epp:** Where can they meet with B.C. Liberals?

**Mr. De Bané:** It hurts them so much when we speak the truth. For the last year I have been waiting in vain for one idea from the Official Opposition about the Pacific fishery.

**Mr. Nowlan:** Resign.

**Mr. Stevens:** Quit.

**Mr. Nowlan:** Go to your fish farm, you sucker.

**Mr. De Bané:** The relationship that I have with the different organizations on the Pacific Coast has been to work very closely with them for the last year at their own pace. We have been working with them very, very closely. During the past weekend I have put before them all of the different issues that I believe are very important to deal with, and the different options that we will have to consider.

I am happy to report to Parliament that the fishermen and the different organizations found that the Department has identified the different issues and the different options. I will be having a final meeting with them this weekend, and afterwards I will be making a report to Cabinet.

**Mr. Fulton:** I think it is pretty clear to all West Coast fishermen that the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans did not answer a very simple question about fish farming which is: how far will he go with it?

## COMMON PROPERTY FISHING RESOURCE

**Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, the most devastating thing that has ever been put in writing by that Minister and his Department is in this document which I now have. I will quote from page 2 where it says: "The days of common property fishing are over". What that means to Canadians, whether they are sports fishermen, native fishermen, or commercial fishermen, is that the Minister and his Government have decided that the fish on the West Coast, including salmon, herring, and everything else, belong to private corporations and to individuals, but it is no longer a common resource. I want him to rise in his place and tell the fishermen from the West Coast his position on this being a common property resource? Where does he stand? Get up and tell us.

**Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans):** Mr. Speaker, it is a pity to see such demagoguery being put forward by the Hon. Member for Skeena.