

Adjournment Debate

equipment is one of the problems we are looking at in this connection. The government has received representations on this issue, not only from the hon. member for Algoma, who has done it so well tonight, but also from the steel and shipbuilding industries, urging Canada to extend its tariff and other protective measures to the outer limits of the continental shelf so that Canadian producers can take full advantage of the economic opportunities presented by offshore resource-related activities. We shall have to decide the scope of activities covered by any extended customs regime. Canadian legislation relating to the fishery already extends beyond the 12-mile limit. I am sure the hon. member for Algoma would agree that foreign fishing vessels operating in our economic zone in compliance with Canadian fishery laws should not be subject to Canada

toms laws. Under international law we also permit innocent passage through the waters over the Canadian continental shelf.

The hon. member is quite right that a number of other countries have already extended their Customs regimes to their offshore economic zones, and it would certainly be within Canada's rights to take parallel action. This has important ramifications for his riding and the voters and workers who live there, and I congratulate him for raising this matter.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at two o'clock.

At 10.36 p.m., the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.
