Oral Questions

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister, President of the Privy Council and Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, it is one thing to malign a wellintentioned program during the course of an election campaign, and the NDP are experts at that. It is another thing to malign the program now that the election is over. The Hon. Member does not have to worry. His farmers will be looked after.

Mr. Althouse: The Premiers are maligning you.

Mr. Mazankowski: We go back to the days when we announced the first billion dollar deficiency payment. The Leader of the NDP said that it was borrowed money, then it was advance money, and then he was concerned about whether it was new money or old money. This money will be put on the table and the farmers will receive it as was outlined.

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[Translation]

NATIVE PEOPLES

CONSTRUCTION OF THREE HOUSES IN CLOVA— GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Guy St-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of State (Housing).

The Quebec Regional Office of the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation has decided not to press for the construction of three homes in Clova this year under the native demonstration program, by citing the remoteness of that community located in Quebec's heartland.

Here is my question: Can the Minister assure the House that the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation will immediately review that decision so that native people in Clova can get warm and comfortable homes in 1989, despite that community's remoteness?

[English]

Hon. John McDermid (Minister of State (International Trade) and Minister of State (Housing)): Mr. Speaker, first I want to thank the Hon. Member for his question. I can advise him that the CMHC officials have informed me that the municipality of Clova will be in a very good position to receive its housing under the Rural and Native Housing Program in 1989. [Translation]

FISHERIES

QUOTAS ESTABLISHED BY EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Douglas Young (Gloucester): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, and deals with the matter raised earlier of the quotas established by the European Economic Community.

Mr. Speaker, the Minister is no doubt aware that Eastern Canada's fishing industry already suffers from insufficient resources, especially in northeastern New Brunswick. Here is the question I must ask you today on behalf of plant workers and producers and the whole Eastern Canada's fishing industry: What steps are you expecting to take to protect the fishing industry's interests, in view of the quotas that have been set at twelve times the level recommended by NAFO?

[English]

Hon. Thomas Siddon (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): First I would like to welcome my colleague, the former Minister of Fisheries for New Brunswick, to the House.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Siddon: I have appreciated his helpful advice and that of the provincial Ministers of Fisheries for the five Atlantic provinces on such questions during the past three years.

Today I am meeting with the same Ministers to deal with the question of shortage of quotas within the Canadian 200-mile economic zone. We hope to have some progress to report which will be beneficial to the fishery of Atlantic Canada.

On the question of quotas beyond Canada's economic jurisdiction, we must resort to diplomatic initiatives and sanctions such as the denial of port privileges. Together with my colleagues we will continue to search for more effective ways of stopping this blatant abuse of fish stocks beyond Canada's economic jurisdiction.

CANADIAN POSITION

Mr. Douglas Young (Gloucester): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the same Minister. I recognize that the Minister stated he is meeting with eastern Canadian Fisheries Ministers. Can the Minister advise us when the Government will meet with the representatives of the European nations? What exactly