

Inquiries of the Ministry

ernment signed a treaty with Norway regarding the sealing operation on the Atlantic coast, and whether that treaty enables Norway to harvest our marine resources up to within three miles of our coast, thereby violating our territorial seas? Will the minister table that document, and when?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, an agreement has been under negotiation with Norway relative to the phasing out of Norwegian fishing operations in Canada's fishing waters. Ratification of that agreement by Norway is now in process. The question as to when it might be tabled might better be addressed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Mr. Lundrigan: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I have been waiting three days to ask this question. The minister should answer it. Was a treaty signed between the two countries and does the treaty permit Norway to harvest marine resources within three miles of Canada's coast?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): As the Minister of Fisheries has said, Mr. Speaker, we have negotiated an agreement with Norway. It is not usual to publish such an agreement until it has been ratified. It is my understanding that the Norwegians have now released the text, and I will be happy to table it.

Mr. Lundrigan: When?

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GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION**ALLEGED PURCHASE OF TROPICAL PLANTS FOR DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT BUILDING IN HULL**

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): My question is for the President of the Treasury Board. It is similar to a question asked yesterday about tropical plants. Will the minister investigate another report that nearly \$40,000 worth of tropical plants were purchased for the Department of the Environment building in Hull and perished due to inadequate heating facilities?

Some hon. Members: Shame.

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): I will be glad to investigate that, Mr. Speaker.

Some hon. Members: Shame.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. We are running short of time. Perhaps the matter of tropical plants ought to be pursued tomorrow.

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WAR MEASURES ACT**CHANGES SUGGESTED BY QUEBEC MINISTER OF JUSTICE—POSITION OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): My question is for another flower on the government side, the Minister of Justice.

An hon. Member: He is a wilted lily.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): In view of a recent speech by the Quebec minister of justice, Mr. Choquette, in which he recommended three extensive changes to the War Measures Act having to do with the referral to the Supreme Court, the establishment of an ombudsman and a human rights tribunal, has the federal Minister of Justice conferred with the Quebec minister on these recommendations and are these recommendations presently under consideration for legislation, either later this session or in the next session?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): No, Mr. Speaker. There is an order of the House calling for a referral of this matter to a committee of the House.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): A supplementary question. The minister said "no". Does he mean no, there has been no communication with the provincial minister on his suggestions, or no to the fact there is no legislation beyond that which is presently on the Order Paper?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): I meant no globally, Mr. Speaker.

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TRANSPORT**GREAT SLAVE LAKE RAILROAD—INQUIRY AS TO REPORT ON INVESTIGATION INTO LOSSES BY CONTRACTORS**

Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Has the minister received any report from the judge in Manitoba who is conducting the inquiry into the losses by contractors of the Great Slave Lake railroad? Has he received any report from the judge conducting that inquiry?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I was advised at lunch hour today that the report is complete and the judge in question will be forwarding it to me within a matter of days.

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BROADCASTING**QUEBEC CABLEVISION LEGISLATION—ALLEGED REQUEST OF QUEBEC MINISTER TO DISCUSS JURISDICTION**

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): My question may be related to that asked by the hon. member for Egmont. However, I want to ask it separately. Your Honour will be happy to know I am not going to ask the Secretary of State about the state of naivety of the Quebec Provincial Police. My question may have something to do with naivety. Has the Secretary of State, who is responsible for the CRTC, received repeated requests from the Quebec minister of communications to meet with him to discuss jurisdiction over cablevision? If so, has he replied to them and, if not, why not?

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Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, the Federal Minister of Communications (Mr. Stanbury)