

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

I shall find out whether a particular study is being made concerning the effects of imports from Roumania on the firm that the hon. member has referred to.

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[English]

**INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY**

**Mr. Bill Knight (Assiniboia):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that the government has announced it is going to get involved in the business of supplying the railways with hopper cars, would the Prime Minister inform the House whether or not this is the first of a series of steps toward nationalizing the Canadian Pacific Railway?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

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**CANADA LABOUR CODE**

CONSULTATION BETWEEN FISHERIES AND LABOUR  
DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ON CONSTITUTIONALITY OF  
AMENDMENTS AFFECTING FISHERIES

**Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Fisheries. Has there been any consultation between officials of the fisheries service and the Department of Labour concerning the effects of Bill C-183 on the fishing industry? If so, are there any plans to clear up the constitutional aspect of this bill before it is enacted into law?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries):** Mr. Speaker, this bill, as the hon. member knows, is a matter primarily for the Department of Labour. However, there has been consultation between officials of the Department of Fisheries and the Department of Labour with respect to this subject.

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**ELECTION EXPENSES BILL**

RESPONSE TO CRITICISM OF PROPOSED NEWS  
BLACKOUT

**Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. In view of the bluntly worded criticism by the Canadian managing editors conference in New Brunswick last week concerning the news blackout envisaged by the new legislation on election expenses, would the Prime Minister say what his reaction is to the resolution sent to him and the nature of his reply?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member knows that a question asked in those terms is not in order. The hon. member is asking the Prime Minister to indicate what his reaction is to a resolution or communication. A question in those terms, to my way of thinking in any event, is not quite in order.

[Mr. Pepin.]

**Mr. Bell:** Mr. Speaker, this is a very eminent body. Many members of the press gallery were present at that meeting. May I ask the Prime Minister whether a copy of this resolution was received and what was the nature of the reply?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I cannot say whether it has been received among the many pieces of mail that I get. I have received something from the Committee for an Independent Canada that the hon. member might want to question me about. I may have received the item the hon. member refers to, and I am sure that if I did it was acknowledged by my office. As to the answer that we would give, the minister will state it on behalf of the government when the debate continues in the House, and I hope at that time the hon. member will state his position on this so-called news blackout.

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**FINANCE**

ALLEGED MISUSE OF FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER LOCAL  
INITIATIVES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH  
PROGRAMS—STEPS TO TIGHTEN BOOKKEEPING  
CONTROLS

**Mr. William Skoreyko (Edmonton East):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. In view of reports that some government funds made available through the local initiatives and the opportunities for youth programs have not been properly used as designated, can the Prime Minister say whether steps are being taken by the government to tighten bookkeeping controls over these grants?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the ministers responsible have indicated at various stages the review process and the ongoing examination that is in hand. They have stated that if members have complaints about particular projects that allegedly are misusing funds they will gladly look into the matter.

**Mr. Skoreyko:** Is it the intention of the government to recover any moneys that have been mis-spent or not used in accordance with the original intent of the grant?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, I really cannot answer a hypothetical question. If the hon. member has a concrete case I will certainly attempt to determine the answer.

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**POLLUTION**

PULP AND PAPER MILL EFFLUENTS—REQUEST FOR  
NAMES OF OFFENDING COMPANIES

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of the Environment a question. On Friday last, I believe, the minister stated in response to other questions of mine that in my constituency there was a very bad offender in the field of pulp mill pollution. Would the minister be prepared to indicate the names of the pulp mills in Canada that are considered by his department to be very bad offenders?