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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

PROVINCES IN FAVOUR OF LINGUISTIC RIGHTS IN COURT

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Justice. On June 23 last, the House passed Bill C-42 which guarantees certain linguistic rights before the courts. That bill contained a provision prescribing a consultation between the Minister of Justice and the provincial attorneys general with a view to ensuring efficient implementation of the provisions which become effective on proclamation of the act. Can the minister tell the House which provinces have accepted to proclaim that act to date, and what the date of proclamation was? In addition, can he report on negotiations with the other provinces and tell the House which among them favour that bill?

[English]

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport and Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, we have had exchanges with the various provinces concerning the implementation of Bill C-42, as it then was, and after discussions did suggest the date of April 1, 1979, in the case of Quebec, Ontario, New Brunswick and Alberta. The province of New Brunswick has accepted that date. The province of Ontario and the province of Quebec have indicated that they see no problem in accepting it, but Quebec has indicated that it would like to see replies from the other provinces before making its final commitment. In the case of the province of Alberta, they indicated that they would want more time before implementing it. We are pursuing the matter further with the remaining provinces.

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FISHERIES

FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL CONSULTATION ON MANAGEMENT OF INDUSTRY

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the right hon. Prime Minister. According to all reports, the provincial representatives from Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Quebec, when meeting with the federal Minister of Fisheries in Moncton on November 10, indicated their displeasure over the decisions that have been made by the federal government on fisheries management and asked for the right to provide greater input into the decision-making process.

In view of the fact that spokesmen from the five provinces mentioned were unanimous in their views, I would ask the Prime Minister what steps he intends to take to see that the five provinces will become a full partner, with the federal

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government, in resource exploration, fisheries management, the allocation and establishment of fishery quotas, and the allocation of fishing licences.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the short answer, of course, is that at the federal-provincial conference on the constitution just a couple of weeks ago we suggested that the item of fisheries be included amongst those which would be discussed with a view to changing the distribution of powers. For some strange reason which I still cannot understand, the provinces refused to have that incorporated in the communiqué. In spite of their refusal, our offer still stands and the officials and ministers who will be meeting are prepared, as far as we are concerned, to study all the areas that I put forth for examination in terms of redistribution of powers.

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Mr. Crouse: Mr. Speaker, possibly this reaction is based on past experience and that is why there is a reluctance to participate. My question to the Prime Minister is: in view of the fact that Newfoundland indicated leadership this week by announcing a \$500 million development program for the fisheries in that province, to take place over the next five years, when can we expect an announcement indicating that some initiative will be taken by the federal government to assist in the fisheries' development in all of the Atlantic provinces, including Quebec?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I have just received a telegram from the fishermen's union in Newfoundland supporting the minister of fisheries for the federal government—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Trudeau: —and not saying a word about the \$500 million promise of the Newfoundland government. Probably they are used to this kind of experience and they want to see a bit of delivery by the government before congratulating it.

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LOTO CANADA

REQUEST FOR TABLING OF AGREEMENT WITH GENERAL INSTRUMENTS

Mr. Paul Dick (Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, the Minister of State for Urban Affairs has fled the chamber after the initial barrage. However, I do have a question for the Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport.

Since the minister has been so kind as to table an agreement which I requested on Friday, in which clause 3 of that document provides for an agreement between the federal government and the provinces of Ontario and Quebec to decide how they would dispose of the assets for the Loto game which the federal government had bought from General Instruments—and I understand that that agreement between the