### COMMONS DEBATES

### FISHERIES

### DOGFISH—DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN CANADIAN AND JAPANESE OFFICIALS

**Mr. Ray Perrault (Burnaby-Seymour):** Mr. Speaker, can the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry tell the house whether the subject of dogfish and their disposition, is on the agenda of current meetings in British Columbia between the Minister of Fisheries and Japanese officials?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I am not sure this is a matter of urgency. If it is, perhaps the hon. member would like to return at ten o'clock this evening.

Mr. Perrault: Ten o'clock.

### ST. JOHN'S, NFLD.—LICENSING OF FOREIGN VESSELS

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries, notice of which has been given. It concerns the position taken by the Department of Fisheries, which is having a very detrimental effect on revenues in the port of St. John's, and arises out of licences which the department has authority to issue to foreign vessels to use Canadian ports.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Perhaps the hon. member would like to join the hon. member for Burnaby-Seymour and return, not tonight but tomorrow night.

## PRICE STABILITY, INCOMES AND EMPLOYMENT

REQUEST FOR MEETING OF SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE—SITTINGS DURING RECESS

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and concerns government order No. 91 standing in his name. Does the government intend to proceed with the establishment of the Parliamentary Committee on Price Stability, Incomes and Employment before the adjournment of the session, so that this committee can sit during the recess?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the President of the Privy Council answered this question some days ago.

Mrs. MacInnis: I wonder whether the minister would repeat his answer, Mr. Speaker, because we missed it over here.

# Inquiries of the Ministry CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

MAINTENANCE OF PASSENGER SERVICE STANDARD

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport with respect to the question asked last week by the right hon. member for Prince Albert regarding the lack of facilities and services on Canadian National Railways. I received representations over the weekend with regard to this matter. Is the minister now in a position to give the house a statement as to what Canadian National Railways intend to do about this deplorable situation?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I have initiated inquiries with the railways. They are both preparing answers, and I hope to have them to pass on to the house later this week.

## CONSUMER AFFAIRS

# NATURAL GAS-ANNOUNCED PRICE INCREASES

Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Has his attention been drawn to the announced increase of about 20 per cent in the price of natural gas as a result of increased shipments to the United States? If the minister's attention has been drawn to this matter, does he intend to refer it to the prices and incomes commission?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): I have not noticed the reports, Mr. Speaker. I will be happy to look into them. I think this is a matter which properly falls within the purview of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, and I will bring it to his attention.

**Mr. Salisman:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the minister's responsibility for consumer prices in Canada and the serious effect that such an increase would have on consumer prices generally, is it the minister's intention to make representations before the National Energy Board?

Mr. Basford: I would like to look at the reports first, Mr. Speaker.

#### TRANSPORT

### ADEQUACY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND FERRY SERVICE

Mr. Melvin McQuaid (Cardigan): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of

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