

kenzie King Island, Prince Patrick Island, Prince of Wales Island, Borden Peninsula on Baffin Island, Victoria Island, King William Island, and many more too numerous to mention. Obviously, preceding prime ministers and governments had the courage to name these islands. Has not this government the courage to claim them?

Mr. Sharp: We have always claimed the islands. It is only the water that is in dispute.

Mr. Crouse: Is there any question about the water?

Mr. Sharp: Other people question it; we do not. Nobody questions our claims to the islands.

Mr. Crouse: The Secretary of State for External Affairs further confuses the issue by saying that some people dispute our claim to the waters but nobody disputes our claim to the islands.

Mr. Sharp: My statement clarifies it.

Mr. Crouse: The Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) does not claim the waters, and that completely refutes the statement made by the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Mr. Sharp: He reiterated my views clearly.

Mr. Crouse: He reiterated the minister's views in a strange way, Mr. Speaker. The Prime Minister's views are on record and I will include them in my remarks in a few moments.

This bill is cited as the Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act. In my opinion, Canada cannot risk its whole policy on Arctic pollution control by refusing to declare our sovereignty in this area. However, when interviewed outside the House by the press following the introduction of this bill, the Prime Minister stated as follows—and I am now quoting from a transcript of his remarks:

This is the first bit of legislation—

It is not an assertion of sovereignty; it is an exercise of our desire to keep the Arctic free of pollution and by defining 100 miles as the zone within which we are determined to act, we are indicating that our assertion there is not one aimed towards sovereignty, but aimed towards one of the very important aspects of our action in the Arctic.

That statement, Mr. Speaker, by our Prime Minister completely refutes the statement made a moment ago by the Secretary of State for External Affairs. According to Canada's Prime Minister, this bill is not a declaration of sovereignty over the waters in our north-

ern archipelago. The statement of the Secretary of State for External Affairs is refuted. May I call it five o'clock, sir?

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands (Mr. Douglas)—Industry—Criteria for payments to automobile companies; the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mrs. MacInnis)—Pollution—Phosphate detergents—Door-to-door distribution of Arctic Power; the hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Stafford)—Administration of Justice—appointment of judges.

It being five o'clock the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's Order Paper.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

METROPOLITAN TORONTO HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS ACT

MEASURE TO EXTEND REPRESENTATION ON COMMISSION

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to make a proposition, namely, that the subject matter of Bill C-195 be referred to a committee. I believe there have been consultations about this matter.

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, it is agreed that the motion may be put now.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): On the understanding that the motion deals with the subject matter of the bill, we also agree.

Mr. Forest: Mr. Speaker, I move:

That the Order for the second reading of Bill C-195, An Act respecting the Port of Toronto, be discharged and that the subject matter of the said Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications.