

over \$200 million more than it has received from the United States, how does the minister justify his assurance to the Castlegar Chamber of Commerce in 1964 that the government of Canada would not sign an agreement that did not pay for all the projects?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I regret that I must tell the hon. member that his question is argumentative.

INDUSTRY

REVIEW OF DESIGNATED AREA POLICY RESPECTING ATLANTIC PROVINCES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address this question to the Minister of Industry, notice of which I have given him. Could he advise the house in respect of the meeting regarding the area development program held this morning with representatives from the Atlantic region?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I met this morning with the minister of economic development of the province of New Brunswick and the mayor of Saint John with regard to the possible designation of Saint John and other metropolitan areas in the maritimes under the designated area program. We had a useful discussion and I hope that we resolved what has been a misunderstanding arising out of a question and answer which appeared in *Hansard*. The minister and the mayor both recognized that this program, which has resulted in some \$680 million of new investment in the Atlantic provinces and the creation of some 17,000 jobs, has been extremely useful. I pointed out to them that this program, which is in the nature of a crash program relating to unemployment, is due to expire in 1971 and that if and when in his new tenure the minister of economic development of New Brunswick should bring forward proposals for making this program more relevant to the economic development plan in the Atlantic provinces I would be glad to discuss them with him.

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Albert): Mr. Speaker, would the minister be willing to attend the meeting of the Atlantic premiers which has already been called for March 21 in Fredericton to deal with this matter, put forward the thoughts he has in mind today and attempt to settle the matter once and for all?

Mr. Drury: Mr. Speaker, I understood from the minister of economic development of New

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Brunswick that it is unlikely he will be able to formulate specific proposals that soon.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

RESUMPTION OF COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF BILL C-190

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct this question to the government house leader. Is the minister now in a position to indicate at what point we will resume consideration in committee of the whole of Bill No. C-190?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I have had consultations with the house leaders regarding the remaining business but those consultations have not yet been completed. I hope they will be very shortly, and as soon as they are I will indicate to the house what the expectations are.

[Translation]

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Solicitor General.

Could he tell us if it is true that Mr. Igor Gouzenko, a former soviet officer, is entitled to a pension just like retired members of the R.C.M.P.?

Mr. Speaker: I suggest that this question should be put on the order paper.

[English]

FISHERIES

SEALS—ACCESS TO HUNTING GROUNDS BY HUMANE SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Arthur Laing (Acting Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the hon. member for New Westminster asked about visits by humane society representatives to the scene of the seal harvest. No one is prevented, of course, from visiting if they want to, and I am informed that representatives of a number of humane organizations in both Canada and Europe made visits yesterday in the vicinity of the Magdalen islands. In addition, I am informed that the fisheries department, at its own expense, has transported to the ice a representative of the humane society of Ontario, a veterinarian from the Department of Agriculture and a veterinarian