

the city of Montreal, that city does not operate under federal jurisdiction, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Jelinek: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I was asking about the public tender part of the spending since the federal government is responsible for the whole financial program. May I ask if the Prime Minister intends to demand that public tenders be sought by the city of Montreal if this House is going to continue to support the program.

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member is misinformed. The federal government is not responsible for the overall financing of the games.

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FISHERIES

MINISTER'S VIEW ON UNILATERAL ACTION TO ESTABLISH LIMIT OF TERRITORIAL WATERS—MEASURES TO INTERCEPT FOREIGN VESSELS

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State (Fisheries). Following yesterday's exchange on Canada's position of extending its fishing limits, would the minister indicate if he supports the position of his predecessor, the Hon. Jack Davis, who repeatedly stated that if Canada did not succeed in getting acceptance of the continental shelf limit at the Law of the Sea Conference he would recommend unilateral action on Canada's part? Would the minister report if he has recommended to cabinet that Canada take such action?

Hon. Romeo LeBlanc (Minister of State (Fisheries)): Mr. Speaker, of course I share my predecessor's view on this. This is a very serious matter.

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I do not share the hon. member's view that the conference failed. I believe there is still some important and difficult work to be done, and I am very hopeful about the extension of our fisheries jurisdiction. There has been extraordinary progress. Over 100 nations seem to have accepted this view. I remind hon. members that even unilateral action will not protect an important source of wealth in this country, salmon. We must be very careful when we assume that unilateral action would solve all our problems.

Mr. Marshall: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I also hope that the conference will eventually succeed. In the meantime, while our fishing industry is deteriorating to the point of obliteration, is the minister consulting with the Minister of National Defence, to step up our capability for intercepting and observing foreign vessels which still come within our 12-mile limit, let alone our 3-mile limit.

Mr. LeBlanc (Westmorland-Kent): Mr. Speaker, we are engaged in constant talks with the Department of National Defence. I wish to underline the extraordinary useful role which it plays. I am thinking of the sort of case which was mentioned yesterday regarding the destruction of lobster gear on the east coast. I think that the defence

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department, considering the funds available, has been extremely helpful. We are working closely with it and will continue to do so.

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MANPOWER

ALLEGATION MONTREAL OFFICE ISSUING BOGUS WORK PERMITS—REQUEST FOR FULL DISCLOSURE OF RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Mr. Jake Epp (Provencher): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the allegations made respecting the Montreal Canada Manpower office, allegations which centre on the issuing of bogus work permits, will the minister make full disclosure of this matter which is presently under investigation in the same way as the Minister of Transport said he would make disclosure some time ago. As the minister's department is investigating its own affairs, in order to remove any doubt, will he undertake to make full disclosure once the probe has been completed?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, from time to time allegations of this nature arise and are made, and the only responsible course, before making a decision, is to see whether they are based on fact. Right now a preliminary investigation is being conducted by people in whose objectivity I have total faith. There will not be any cover up in that probe. If there is a prima facie case indicating irregularities, we shall proceed to a more formal investigation. The result flowing from that will be this: we shall want to make sure that this is not done again. I would tend to be prepared to disclose totally what this investigation will bring forward, but I want the opportunity of seeing it myself. I do not want to see people maligned. I hope hon. members will share that view. I do not want them maligned, for obvious reasons, namely, that some of these allegations may not be based on any foundation.

Mr. Epp: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his answer. Can the minister say whether any employees of the Montreal office have been either dismissed or suspended because of the probe now taking place?

Mr. Andras: Mr. Speaker, the preliminary investigation is underway. I think that speaking in detail about the investigation before I have received a report on it would be premature.

POSSIBLE CHANGE IN REGULATIONS COVERING ISSUANCE OF WORK PERMITS

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Does the minister intend to change the regulations with regard to the issuance of work permits so that they may be issued in the country of origin rather than in Canada?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, to the best of my knowledge