

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

ENFORCEMENT OF MAINTENANCE ORDERS ISSUED BY
FAMILY COURTS—RECOMMENDATION OF LAW REFORM
COMMISSION

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Solicitor General. In light of the fact that 75 per cent of all family maintenance orders made by Canadian family courts against deserting husbands are defaulted, and in light of the fact these defaults cost Canadian taxpayers \$365 million annually, does the minister intend to adopt through legislation the recommendation of the Law Reform Commission which would give family courts an investigative and enforcement apparatus to track down elusive fathers, thereby assuring compliance with any maintenance order issued?

[Translation]

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, it is indeed a recommendation from the report of the Law Reform Commission, but as stated in the report, however, it is a matter of mostly provincial jurisdiction which will surely be discussed with the provinces when we will have the opportunity to meet on this question.

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MANPOWER

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—LEVEL OF BUDGET
IN SUDBURY AREA

Mr. Cyril Symes (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the fact northern Ontario has had the highest summer unemployment rate in Ontario for the past four years, and in view of the fact the 1973 manpower job market report for northern Ontario predicts high unemployment for young people this summer, can the minister explain why the budget for the Opportunities for Youth program for the Sudbury manpower area has been cut by 33 per cent whereas the allocation for the rest of Ontario has been reduced by only 14 per cent?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I would hope we would not become involved from day to day during the question period with the budgets or details of every constituency in relation to the Opportunities for Youth Program. This might involve us in complications and difficulties. The minister might be allowed to reply briefly to the hon. member's question, after which we will go to the next question.

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I repeat my answer that the final sub-provincial allocations have not yet been struck.

Oral Questions

ENERGY

POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF OIL MARKETING
AGENCY AS WELL AS NATIONAL PETROLEUM COMPANY

Mr. Stan Schumacher (Palliser): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. In light of last week's meeting between the Prime Minister and the premiers of Alberta and Saskatchewan, in addition to the establishment of a national petroleum company is the government also considering the establishment of an oil marketing or petroleum marketing agency?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, a national oil and gas marketing board is one of the mechanisms by which national prices for these two commodities could be established in Canada. This is very much under discussion at the moment.

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FISHERIES

HADDOCK—TAKING OF CATCHES BY UNITED STATES
FISHERMEN IN RESTRICTED AREA—REPRESENTATIONS BY
CANADA

Mr. Charles E. Haliburton (Southwestern Nova): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Because of the agreement reached at the ICNAF conference last July it was understood that there was international agreement to protect haddock, our most valuable groundfish species, during the spawning season, and since contrary to that agreement hundreds of thousands of pounds it is reported, have been taken in the past two weeks by American fishermen from the restricted area, undoubtedly setting back the rebuilding of stocks and conservation for years, what action has the minister taken or what action will he take in order to see that American fishermen are restricted and pulled out of that area?

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Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): It will be our purpose to see that all these international agreements are observed, Mr. Speaker.

OBSERVANCE BY OTHER NATIONS OF ICNAF AGREEMENT
CURTAILING FISHING OPERATIONS ON GEORGES AND
BROWN'S BANKS

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Fisheries. In view of the closed seasons listed on page 4 of the government's order in council of January 15, 1974, would the minister inform the House if ships of all nations are abiding by the ICNAF regulation by curtailing fishing operations on Georges and Brown's Banks, or does the prohibition of fishing operations only apply to Canadian fishermen?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, the information I have is that all nations other than the United States are adhering very closely to the regulations.