

departmental officials and the various advisory groups, and in the case of the 1985 salmon fishery there was indeed a surplus in the return to many of the rivers. This is not a loss to the industry, but I think, Mr. Speaker, a recognition of the tremendous benefits of the Salmonid Enhancement Program. I will be discussing that and the next year's fishing plan with my advisory committee in Vancouver on Monday.

#### DATA AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT

**Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River):** Would the Minister admit that the data on which that plan is based, on which the consultation takes place, is hopelessly inadequate, and that the cut of 200 staff members from his Department, and the erosion of \$65 million out of its budget are going to make an even worse fishing plan next year, with again very large multimillion dollar losses to the industry?

**Hon. Thomas Siddon (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans):** Mr. Speaker, I can assure the Hon. Member that the scientific resources of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans are second to none anywhere in the world, and that in any restructuring and improvements to the efficiency of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans there is no question but what those scientific resources will be enhanced, not diminished.

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#### FILM INDUSTRY

##### ACQUISITION OF CINEPLEX ODEON SHARES BY AMERICAN CORPORATION

**Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday an American conglomerate became the largest single shareholder of Canada's most important distributor and exhibitor of movies, Cineplex. My question is directed to the Minister of Communications. Since this flies in the face of the many concerns expressed by his task force on the film industry, could the Minister tell this House what he is going to do about this increased concentration and control by American interests?

[Translation]

**Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of Communications):** Following this transaction, Mr. Speaker, the Americans will become minority shareholders in Cineplex, and not majority shareholders.

What really matters at this time, as reflected in the reply made by the Minister responsible for Regional Economic Expansion, is the Investment Canada aspect of the question, and the Minister is in contact with his officials and the company first of all, to clear up the legal aspects of the issue.

#### Business of the House

● (1500)

[English]

##### REQUEST FOR MINISTERIAL ACTION

**Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal):** Mr. Speaker, this Minister has been leading the charge in defence of cultural sovereignty while the Minister of "Divestment Canada"—

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mrs. Finestone:** The Minister of "Divestment Canada" has allowed American concentration in the film industry. I want to know when is enough enough. Is the Minister prepared to stop the infiltration of the Americans into this field?

[Translation]

**Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of Communications):** Mr. Speaker, the question is not really a question but an attack against a system. What we have here is a problem with Investment Canada and it is with this in mind that my colleague will look into this issue.

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[English]

##### CLERK OF PETITIONS' REPORTS

**Mr. Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the House that the petitions with the exception of four presented by Hon. Members on Wednesday, January 15, 1986, meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

[Translation]

The petitions presented by the Hon. Members for York West (Mr. Marchi), Louis-Hébert (Mrs. Duplessis), and Kenora-Rainy River (Mr. Parry) do not meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

The petition presented and tabled with the Clerk of Petitions by the Hon. Member for Cariboo-Chilcotin (Mr. Greenaway) meets the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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[English]

#### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

##### WEEKLY STATEMENT

**Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Government House Leader what business he will call for the coming week?

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the business for the next week will be as follows: today we are going to complete report stage of Bill C-70, the Bill with respect to family allowances. Tomorrow we will commence consideration of third reading of Bill C-84, a Bill to amend the Income Tax Act and other legislation. I would like Monday to be the final day for third reading consideration of