

**INDIAN AFFAIRS**

**AVAILABILITY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES TO INDIAN AND MÉTIS COMMUNITIES**

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. When will the minister be in a position to make an announcement about the plans of his department to find economic opportunities for Indian and Métis people?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** I hope I will be in a position to do that very soon, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Howard (Skeena):** The minister has been giving the same answer for quite a few months. I wonder if he can at least arrange to make this statement before the summer recess?

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** I will try, Mr. Speaker.

**WATER RESOURCES**

**REFERENCE OF CANADA WATER BILL TO SUPREME COURT OF CANADA**

**Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka):** My question is for the Minister of Justice. In view of the legal opinion of the Attorney General of Ontario, which was tabled in the Ontario legislature yesterday, that parts of the Canada Water Bill are unconstitutional, does the government intend to refer the bill to the Supreme Court of Canada before final passage?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** No, sir.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Halifax-East Hants.

**Mr. McCleave:** Mr. Speaker, my question—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I apologize to the hon. member. I will come to him in a moment. The hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka has a supplementary.

**Mr. Aiken:** Will the Minister of Justice have another look at the bill to see whether further amendments are required before final passage by this House?

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** I will certainly read the opinion that has been tabled in the Ontario legislature.

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

[Translation]

**CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

**ISSUANCE OF UNSOLICITED CREDIT CARDS—UNITED STATES POLICY**

**Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Finance.

Since the American government is about to pass a law to prevent some manufacturers of consumer goods and some banks to send unrequested credit cards to consumers, is the minister of the opinion that the Canadian government might follow suit?

[English]

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** I would have to look into this matter, Mr. Speaker, but I believe there is a difference in jurisdiction here. In Canada this would have to be done by the provinces. That is not a legal opinion.

**FISHERIES**

**LANDING OF LOBSTERS CAUGHT ON OFFSHORE BANKS—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT AND TABLING OF STUDY**

**Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova):** My question is for the Minister of Fisheries. In view of the controversy over the amendments to the Fisheries Act which permit the landing in Canada of large lobsters caught on our offshore banks, will the minister make a statement on motions giving an analysis of the study made leading up to this decision and at the same time table the actual study?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** Mr. Speaker, we will be glad to make this information available.

[Later:]

**Mr. Comeau:** A supplementary question. I do not know whether the minister understood my previous question. Will he be making a statement on motions? If not, will he make the information available? Is the minister prepared to make a statement and also table this study?

**Mr. Davis:** I am not prepared to make a statement on motions. If the hon. member wants information, I will gladly give it to him personally.