

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

the economic hardship his new measure will impose upon these inshore fishermen?

**Mr. Davis:** Mr. Speaker, I do not believe there will be economic hardship in that the total number of seals will be the same and the value of the pelts of the older seals may be as much as twice as great as that of the price of the pelts of the white coats which have been killed traditionally in these areas.

[Translation]

**AGRICULTURE****MILK—ALLEGED FAILURE TO PAY SUBSIDY TO CERTAIN PRODUCERS**

**Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the hon. Minister of Agriculture.

Many farmers from the province of Quebec complain that they did not receive any subsidy for the production of milk since last June. Could the minister tell the house why such payments were withheld from farmers?

[English]

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, there has been no refusal to make these payments to the farmers who are entitled to receive them. If the hon. member will provide me with the name and, preferably, the account number of any producer who was entitled to but did not receive his subsidy, I will look into it.

**FINANCE, TRADE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS****INTEREST RATES—REPRESENTATIONS TO COMMITTEE BY LABOUR**

**Mr. Walter Deakon (High Park):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the hon. member for Gatineau in his capacity as chairman of the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs. Will the hon. member advise the House whether the committee, in its deliberations and investigation into interest rates, will obtain the testimony of representatives of labour groups?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I would not think that the question as asked is in order. Questions dealing with the actual discussion and debate in a committee cannot be asked in this way at this time.

[Mr. Crouse.]

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****VIET NAM—PLANNED WITHDRAWAL FROM INTERNATIONAL CONTROL COMMISSION**

**Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal):** Mr. Speaker I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Have any countries objected to Canada's plan to withdraw from the International Control Commission in Viet Nam, and is the government's decision in this regard based upon the belief that our participation in the commission does not do anything toward advancing peace in that country?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Perhaps, Mr. Speaker, I ought to begin by making it clear that we are not withdrawing from the International Control Commission. We are, however, considering withdrawing personnel from two of the missions, in Vientiane and Phnom Penh, but they will be serviced from the commission in Viet Nam. There may indeed be some personnel left in those posts, but not from External Affairs.

**Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. May I ask the minister whether or not this withdrawal is being carried out in agreement with similar policies of other members of the I.C.C.?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, the withdrawal of personnel from these two posts is being made through consultation, but I hardly expect that there would be full agreement.

**SHIPBUILDING****SUGGESTED AWARDING OF CONTRACT TO SECOND LOWEST TENDERER**

**Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey-Simcoe):** I should like to address this question to the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. In view of the fact that all shipbuilding yards in Canada are facing difficulty because they do not have work, and since the government is going to award a contract for the building of two ferries, would the Prime Minister consider giving the second lowest tenderer the job of building one of these ferries in order to help out over a very difficult period?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I believe that the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce did indicate that this whole subject was under review and that he was assisting the interested parties in conducting this review in the best possible way for Canadians. I cannot add anything to that at this time.