

Government of Canada and in every department? Now, circumventing the system, we have the imposition of collection agencies. Shame on the Minister of Justice for permitting this to pass through cabinet.

Ms. Campbell (Vancouver Centre): I don't chew my cabbage twice.

Mr. Baker: I hope that is on the record. The Minister of Justice has just made a statement; she says she does not chew her cabbage twice. I hope that she chews it at least once. This entire bill is enough to give anybody indigestion.

The second portion of the bill which is really objectionable is a new imposition on Crown corporations listed in schedule 3 of part X of the Financial Administration Act. There are three schedules, Mr. Speaker, as you know.

The first schedule includes government departments. The second schedule includes Crown corporations that are part of government departments, and the third schedule is wholly owned Crown corporations, owned by the Government of Canada. This bill imposes upon those Crown corporations an obligation to collect money and have a reasonable expectation that the corporation will pay dividends.

In other words, the whole intent of the legislation is that the Crown corporation becomes, through another part of the bill and using user fees in some cases, a money maker. That is the philosophy of the Government of Canada. CBC is not included in schedule 3 of the Financial Administration Act because it is considered to be a cultural institution which remains autonomous from section 3.

What will happen if we take the established Crown corporations of today to deal with the natural resources of Canada? I use as an example the Canadian Saltfish Corporation. Last week half of the people employed by that Crown corporation received their lay-off notices. The function of that Crown corporation was to provide marketing, to be the sole buyer and marketer of what we call saltfish, which is a fish that is cut open and then there is salt put on it. It is dried with salt on it.

Ms. Campbell (Vancouver Centre): Is that a recipe?

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Mr. Baker: Back in my day, we used to dry them on what we called flakes, but now it is automatic drying machines.

The Canadian Saltfish Corporation fulfilled that vital function. Now it is in trouble because it owes a lot of money to the Government of Canada. That is a relatively new phenomenon. What caused it? The Government of Canada caused it. The Government of Canada, to my way of thinking, in my estimation, caused the crisis in the fishing industry in Canada.

An hon. member: How did it do that?

Mr. Baker: The member asks how the government caused the problem. Today I received an update on the numbers of licences issued to foreign interests in Canadian waters so far this year. It comes to 135 factory ship licences issued to Cuba, Japan, U.S.S.R., Bulgaria, Norway, Poland, and the U.S.A. That is an increase over last year. That is an increase over the year before last.

Who caused the crisis in the fishery in eastern Canada? If we have a larger fleet from a foreign nation fishing inside our 200-mile zone, licensed by the Government of Canada, a larger offshore fleet than we have in Canada, then we know that something is wrong. I am not talking about outside the 200-mile zone that the hon. member spoke about a few moments ago. I was going to mention to him about the Namibia connection, a recent phenomenon in Canada. Namibia, a country in the southern portion of Africa, declared about three weeks ago that it was going to tell every foreign nation to get out of its waters. It did it. Imagine, the Government of Namibia. I checked and I found that there were about 100 factory ships from Europe in its zone in Namibia. Namibia threatened them. They left about two and one-half weeks ago, and they steamed right up through the Atlantic Ocean. Where did they go, some of them? They went right up, off the east coast of Canada, and they started to fish just outside the 200-mile zone in the shallow water.

Our search planes and survey planes for the last two weeks have been flying over these ships. They take photographs. They have very sophisticated machinery aboard to observe what these vessels are doing. They discovered that some of the ships that were chased from Namibia were out off the east coast of Canada, and they were catching a type of flatfish. They will destroy that particular species. I am not talking about the disaster that is happening outside, because even countries in