

*Fisheries*

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I believe there is unanimous consent to put the motion.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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### MISCELLANEOUS PRIVATE BILLS AND STANDING ORDERS

#### CONCURRENCE IN SECOND REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Peter Stollery (Spadina) moved that the second report of the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills and Standing Orders, presented to the House on Wednesday, June 20, 1973, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

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### FISHERIES

#### PROPOSED SALE OF CANNERY TO JAPANESE INTERESTS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I rise to seek consent of the House under Standing Order 43 to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. I refer to the proposed—by this time it may be actual—sale of a fish cannery in British Columbia, Cassiar Cannery, to Japanese interests and to the effect this will have of further placing the fishing industry under the control of foreign interests. In particular, included in the sale of the assets of the company there are 100 salmon fishing licences granted by the Department of Fisheries. I therefore seek the consent of the House to move the following motion. I do not think there need be any debate if the motion is accepted.

That this House expresses the view that it is contrary to Canadian interests to permit the sale of Cassiar cannery in British Columbia to Japanese interests, and particularly the sale of 100 salmon fishing licences which are currently held by the Cassiar Packing Company.

Mr. Speaker: This motion also requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I will inquire again; I am not sure whether there was unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity. The motion cannot be put.

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### ELECTION EXPENSES BILL

#### PROVISION OF PAYMENTS TO CANDIDATES AND REIMBURSEMENT OF PARTIES FOR CERTAIN BROADCASTING TIME

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-203, to amend the Canada Election Act, the Broadcasting Act and the Income Tax Act in respect of election expenses.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

### ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

#### INFORMATION CANADA

##### ALLEGED UNJUSTIFIED RENT PAYMENTS FOR OFFICE SPACE IN MONTREAL

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Labour. In light of the extraordinary revelations about the financial transactions of Information Canada including the large sums of money paid for space never used, and rented at a rate much higher than what is paid for other accommodation, is it the intention of the minister to explain to this House and to justify these actions?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I would advise the hon. member for Peace River that this matter—I believe he is referring to office space in Montreal—came to my attention only this morning. I am looking into it right now. I would hope, to answer further questions on this subject on Tuesday, Monday being a holiday, to satisfy the hon. member. If he will give me a further opportunity over the weekend I hope to have further facts for the House on Tuesday.

#### SUGGESTED ABOLISHING OF ORGANIZATION

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a supplementary question to the Prime Minister. While the Minister of Labour is conducting his meditation on this issue, would the Prime Minister consider the further usefulness of Information Canada in light of the present disclosures which support what has been maintained all along? Further, in light of the fact that Information Canada is a creature of the government and has never been approved of or supported by this House or parliament, would the Prime Minister give effect to abolishing this particular institution and dividing its responsibilities among the information services of other departments which might have time to involve themselves in the subject after their other duties?