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FINANCE

REPRESENTATIONS TO UNITED STATES RESPECTING
TIGHTENING OF ANTI-DUMPING RULES

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. Does the government intend to make representations to the government of the United States with regard to the recently announced tightening of their anti-dumping rules which could have a very serious effect on some Canadian businesses?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, this question is presently under review in my department. The rules are being looked at.

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TRANSPORT

BORDEN-CAPE TORMENTINE—RETENTION OF "JOHN HAMILTON GRAY" IN FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN OCTOBER AND MAY

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. It is like unto a question I asked him on March 23. Are we now able to be assured that the ferry, *John Hamilton Gray*, will be returned to the Prince Edward Island-New Brunswick service in the fall, winter and spring of each year?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I should like to reply along the lines I did on March 23 and assure the hon. member that this service by the *John Hamilton Gray* will be preserved during the fall and winter months.

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HARBOURS

PACIFIC COAST—INQUIRY AS TO CHANGES IN SMALL
HARBOURS ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Transport like unto the first question I asked him after he assumed his portfolio. Can he tell the House when something will be done about straightening up the mess of the small harbours administration on the Pacific coast along the lines of the report of Dr. Tom How?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I can only hope soon. There have been some complications with regard to the transfer of authority. As you know, we have been having conversations on the whole matter of port administration. While unfortunately in the past I have had to delay the time of announcement frequently, on this occasion I hope I can say I will be able to make it within a month.

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Inquiries of the Ministry

POLLUTION

OIL SPILL AT ANACORTES, WASHINGTON—ACTION TO
PROTECT CANADIAN BEACHES

Mr. D. W. Groos (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. Now that it has been established that the oil spill which took place at Anacortes, Washington, yesterday is some 40 times as great as it was reported to be yesterday, what steps has the government taken to prepare for what is now the very likely probability that this oil spill will cross the international boundary and wind up on Canadian beaches?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, our task force on the west coast has been alerted, but the oil slick in question is still within United States territorial waters and some considerable distance away from Canadian territory.

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FINANCE

STORAGE OF COMPUTER DATA ON ECONOMY IN UNITED
STATES DATA BANKS

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. Has the Department of Finance undertaken to store its computer data on the Canadian economy in data banks in the United States and, if so, is the minister going to make a statement on this subject in the House?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I doubt whether the first question is the type which should be asked at this time, but the minister might indicate whether he is prepared to make a statement on motions, as suggested by the hon. member.

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I will look into the matter, but to my knowledge this is not the case.

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LABOUR RELATIONS

RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ST. LAWRENCE
SEAWAY AUTHORITY AND EMPLOYEES—CONTINGENCY PLANS IN EVENT OF STRIKE

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. Are talks again under way between the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway, Transport and General Workers and the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority, and has the Department of Labour advised the Canadian Wheat Board to develop any contingency plans regarding a possible mid-June strike?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): In answer to the latter question, no, Mr. Speaker. In reply to the question whether talks have resumed, the answer is yes. While we are busy setting up a conciliation board as requested, both sides have agreed to resume negotiations and have been negotiating continuously since yesterday.