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the Japanese market, and his department is engaged in helping them. Therefore it is my view that we are creating conditions that are most favourable for the sale of Canadian manufactures to Japan.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Am I correct in assuming that there was no discussion between the ministers of the two countries as to how Canadian manufacturers could increase their share of the market where quotas had already been removed?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, if the hon. gentleman is suggesting that we should pay subsidies on the export of manufactures to Japan, we are not going to do so.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I asked the minister a question earlier in the question period and he said that these very matters had been discussed at the meeting. It now turns out that they were not discussed at all and that the Canadian ministers had no intention of discussing them there, or here.

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Perhaps the minister is rising on his own point of order, but I would suggest to the minister that the point raised by the Leader of the Opposition is hardly a point of order and on that basis I doubt that the matter should be pursued.

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**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****PROPOSED AMCHITKA NUCLEAR TEST—FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS TO UNITED STATES**

**Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey-White Rock):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question I should like to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Having in mind today's report from Washington that, despite Canada's representations to the contrary, preparations for the explosion of a massive nuclear device at Amchitka are proceeding on schedule, will the government give consideration now to expressing new and more tangible opposition to this dangerous and useless test?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the evidence that we have from Washington is that the opposition to this test is growing daily. Even the Congress of the United States has passed a bill in opposition thereto. I hope all concerned, including my hon. friend and members in all parts of the House, will support the government in its opposition to the test and make their views known very strongly.

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the proximity of this proposed blast to Canada and the effect that it might have upon us, and in view of our concern about enlargement of the nuclear arms race, would the Secretary of State for External Affairs be prepared to introduce a motion in the House so Parliament can express its view on this matter and communicate it to the President?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, the views of the House have been very well expressed by members on all sides. I have

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conveyed those views to the Secretary of State and he knows our position. He knows that we are all unanimously and strongly opposed to this test.

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**WELFARE****REPORT ON EXORBITANT RENTAL AND REPAIR CHARGES TO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT**

**Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State of which I have given his office notice. Will the minister make available copies of a report prepared by Mr. Robert Hébert of the minister's Moncton office about exorbitant rental and repair charges to the provincial government on behalf of welfare recipients?

[Translation]

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, the notice given me by the hon. member for Fundy-Royal has just allowed me to get very slightly acquainted with the question he mentioned. I will have to get information on the documents and their origin. Then I shall probably be in a position to answer him.

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[English]

**POLLUTION****REQUEST FOR PROGRESS REPORT ON REMOVAL OF SUNKEN "IRVING WHALE"**

**Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport while he is in an accelerating mood. Would he advise as to the progress being made by his department in its efforts to stimulate the movement upwards of the tanker *Irving Whale* which has been at the bottom of the Gulf of St. Lawrence for over a year?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I believe it was on Friday I sent a letter to the hon. member's colleague from Prince Edward Island and I shall be glad to send a copy to him. It is an up to date report on the situation. I can only emphasize at this time that we want to make absolutely sure that the maximum number of safety precautions are taken before anything is done, but I will see that the hon. member gets a copy of the letter.

**Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I have received the letter referred to by the minister but obtained therefrom no more information than was given to the House some days ago. Can the minister assure the House that action will be taken this year to remove this very great pollution threat, as was earlier indicated by the minister and the Premier of Prince Edward Island? If it is not going to be removed in the near future, can the minister indicate at what date or within what time frame we can expect to have this threat removed?