

*Government Organization Act, 1970*

Lawrence or into our lakes. Our laws are repeatedly broken since it is found more profitable to pay the fine.

I believe the act should be altered and that steps should be taken—this is very urgent—to ensure that transportation of hydrocarbons by vessel be strictly regulated in order to avoid such disasters as have taken place recently off Canadian coasts and those of many other countries. Tankers are damaged, or go into collisions and there is immediately a panic because of the disappearance of life near those coasts, which leads to immeasurable ecologic perturbations.

In my opinion, governments should agree to draw up much stricter regulations governing the manufacture of tankers that navigate in our waters, and take the steps required to avoid such frequent disasters.

In this respect, there would certainly be plenty to do. Research is also needed to find out the various effective ways of fighting pollution. I know that our country, Canada, can count on the services of scientists who are quite willing to work and who are highly qualified to undertake and pursue this kind of research. They will

work at it efficiently and at a cost that will still be reasonable.

I want to assure the House, the department and the minister who will be appointed, of my co-operation in this regard. I am sure that everything will be done in the interests of Canada and that all hon. members will work hand in hand with him. This way the government will make sure that our country does not become poisoned by polluted water and polluted air. Any legislation aimed at preserving us from these hazards is welcome not only by hon. members but also by the entire population.

[*English*]

**Mr. Hales:** Mr. Speaker, may I call it six o'clock. It is only one minute to six. If Your Honour and members of the House agree, may we call it six o'clock.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

At six o'clock the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

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