

*Oral Questions*

Was the minister's rather bold statement reflecting a change in government policy based on a new and recent order in council which countermands an order in council of 1962 made under the leadership of the right hon. member for Prince Albert in which both fitness and amateur sport were defined individually as being directly related to recreation?

**Hon. Iona Campagnolo (Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport)):** Mr. Speaker, I can assure the hon. member that there has been no change in my mandate; simply a change in the way it is described.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mrs. Campagnolo:** The provinces have requested that the Government of Canada no longer participate in recreation at the provincial level. The right hon. gentleman from Prince Albert, I think very temporarily, foresaw that the real mandate of fitness and amateur sport in this country contained the words "physical recreation", so therefore we are continuing physical recreation but not recreation per se. Therefore, the Government of Canada will not be in the business of making macrame hangers.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Halliday:** Mr. Speaker, that was a very interesting circumlocution. When does the minister anticipate that the green paper on recreation and fitness will be available? Will it contain any options and alternatives? Why has the minister decided to change the definition of "recreation" before issuing the green paper?

**Mrs. Campagnolo:** Mr. Speaker, I am amazed that a member of the opposition should be urging me to go against something which the provinces so devoutly desire as to have it written into their request for our federal-provincial meeting. The federal government is merely acquiescing in the request of the provinces to remove itself from this sphere by gradually diminishing services so that the provinces take them up. The provinces are prepared to move into this field as we gradually move out. I expect the fitness and recreation green paper to be into the process of public participation some time early this fall.

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**FISHERIES**

## CLOSING OF SWIFTSURE BANKS ON WEST COAST

**Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Fisheries and the Environment. Today the minister received a telegram from some very irate fishermen in British Columbia because the minister made a very major concession to the United States by closing the Swiftsure Bank without getting anything in return. How much longer will the fishermen have to wait for an agreement, and what are they going to get in return for all their losses?

[Mr. Halliday.]

**Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of Fisheries and the Environment):** Mr. Speaker, I have not seen the telegram to which the hon. member refers. I met a group of advisers—

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** With a commissioner.

**Mr. LeBlanc (Westmorland-Kent):** Instead of shouting across the way, perhaps the hon. member might want to address the facts before he closes his mind. However, that is not usually his distinction.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** I am for the commissioner.

**Mr. LeBlanc (Westmorland-Kent):** As to how long the resolution of this issue will take, I can tell the hon. member that it will not take very long.

**Mr. Friesen:** Mr. Speaker, I want to assure the minister that the losses the fishermen are enduring amount to much more than parking fines in Ottawa. I want to point out that many fishermen are wondering whether the salmon enhancement program is designed to replace the concessions the minister has made, and I remind the minister of the losses the fishermen are incurring as a result of the agreement he has made. The agreement was supposed to have been reached last Friday. How long do we have to wait?

**Mr. LeBlanc (Westmorland-Kent):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member really does not understand the agreement which was signed. The agreement foresaw the possibility of Swiftsure being closed for conservation reasons. We did not agree with those conservation reasons and we said that was not an excuse for the other side not to honour its commitment to increase access to Canadian fishermen off the state of Washington. I can tell the hon. member again that he will not have to wait very long. This issue will be resolved one way or the other very soon.

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**INDUSTRY**

## CUSTOMS DUTIES ON CARS IMPORTED FROM OTHER THAN NORTH AMERICA

**Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Some weeks ago the minister said that the government had approved in principle an extension of its program of remitting customs duties on cars imported into Canada from outside North America up to the total value of all parts exported to their manufacturers and not just the value of the parts used in these imported cars, but the government was still discussing the terms of the necessary orders with the auto parts manufacturers here.

Has the government as yet issued any such orders to implement this desirable new program? If so, do they cover the entire auto parts industry and, if not, when will orders be issued to have this new program fully in effect so that the