

Interesting, Mr. Speaker. Maintain them? Maintain factory freezer trawlers? Why, Mr. Speaker, they should not be allowed in our waters.

No foreign nation today, nobody on this list provided by the Government of Canada and excluded from this bill, not one of them can teach a Canadian anything about catching fish. I tell you what they can teach them; they can teach them how to destroy the fishery. They can teach them how they destroyed it up in the northeast Atlantic and down around Africa. That is why countries like Namibia turned around this year and chased them out.

If we had a bill like this, which we do, in other nations in the world—Britain, France, Portugal—could we see something like this in the bill? No, because Canadian vessels are not allowed to go off the coast of any country in the world and fish or carry on an activity like that, not one country in the world.

• (1640)

Yet Canada this year and in 1992 has approved these outrageous quotas for nine foreign nations. It is an outrage. I brought up one of them today in Question Period and I was looking at another one a moment ago: 12,965 tonnes of cod in a zone called 3M commonly known as the Flemish Cap.

It is a piece of water in the Atlantic that comes up to about 15 fathoms out off the coast. It is a marvellous fishing ground because the sun gets in and goes to that cap. The fish congregate around it for spawning purposes. The scientists turned around last year and said: "We do not agree with any nation in the world fishing there."

Do you know, Mr. Speaker, what Canada did, together with these nine other nations in the world in Halifax, Nova Scotia three or four weeks ago? They sat down in the privacy of their meetings and opened a new quota for the first time in eight years, against the advice of the scientists to catch codfish.

Who got the quota? I will tell you who got it. EEC, 6,465 tonnes; Denmark, that is the Faeroe Islands and Greenland, 2,900 tonnes; Norway, 1,200 tonnes; U.S.S.R., 1,200 tonnes; Poland, 500 tonnes; Cuba, 480 tonnes; Canada, 100 tonnes.

We have a bill before us today that is called an act respecting the use of foreign ships. What does it do? It

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turns around and makes one exception for foreign ships in our waters, and that one exception is foreign fishing vessels. It is an absolute disgrace.

Why this year, we had 100 factory freezer trawlers off our coastline. Do not forget that we have only one factory freezer trawler in Canada. National Sea has one. We do not have them because we felt over the years and governments past always felt that if you brought in factory freezer trawlers, you would have your fish plants on the ocean. You would have to freeze the fish, then unfreeze the fish if it was not good quality and yes, you would probably make more money.

It probably was not a good technology because it would destroy the spawning grounds. This year, 100 factory freezer trawlers fish the coast of Canada with a licence from the Canadian government. We see them here today. These are Canadian quotas for Canadian companies that now will be able to be exempt from this act before Parliament, because that is in the bill.

It is a disgrace. That is all I have to say about it. I do not know what else I can say. It is an absolute, total disgrace to the people of Canada. This morning we had fishermen ripping up their own union offices in total and utter frustration because last night at 8 p.m. a boat was brought in by the warship *Margaree*, the Canadian warship.

It was a little Canadian boat. There are six people in the crew. Last night, they were sitting between two Spanish purse seine trawlers who would be exempt under this act inside 200 miles. They were sitting there, the captain told me on the phone. All of a sudden, out comes a fisheries patrol vessel and behind that the *Margaree* with 240 crew members aboard from the Canadian Navy, swooping down.

What do they do? They come and get that little Canadian boat, and they see 200 pounds of codfish aboard that was being used for bait for tuna, and the armed forces seize the boat. They take it away from the two Spanish vessels and they bring it right into port in Newfoundland. The captain then has to turn around this morning and buy back his own fish. It cost him 52 cents a pound for a total of \$104 for the fish that he had aboard that he was being arrested for, but those two Spanish vessels were not touched.