

aspects of it so that the Canadian public will be educated and will then be able to respond.

SPEAKER'S RULING

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Saanich—Gulf Islands has raised a matter which of course is a serious matter internationally and for Canada. However, there may well be opportunity for the hon. member to raise the matter further within a short period of time, and without taking away for one minute the seriousness of the matter, I find that it would not be appropriate to proceed today with the debate.

[Translation]

FISHERIES IN THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES

Ms. Audrey McLaughlin (Yukon): Pursuant to Standing Order 52, I, too, ask leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a very urgent matter.

The deteriorating fisheries industry on the east coast has created a serious economic crisis in that region.

[English]

There is every indication that further reduction in fish catches may be required, a reduction that will result in even more lay-offs, more plant closures, and greater unemployment, especially in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. Coupled with other recent cut-backs to employment programs and unemployment relief, this surely will result only in a further decimation of the Atlantic community.

For that reason, I would respectfully request the adjournment of this House to have an emergency debate on this important issue.

[Translation]

SPEAKER'S RULING

Mr. Speaker: I want to thank the Hon. Member for Yukon and Leader of the NDP (Ms. McLaughlin) for her comments, but I believe I must give her the same answer I gave the Hon. Member for Beauséjour.

[English]

In saying that, again I remind hon. members and the public watching that this entire subject is obviously one of very grave importance to the country and to the region. It is presently being debated, yesterday and today, very vigorously, and again I remind hon. members

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that there was an emergency debate immediately before Christmas.

However, I say to the hon. leader of the New Democratic Party that, as I assured the hon. member for Beauséjour, I shall of course pay attention each day and be watching events carefully.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[Translation]

WAYS AND MEANS

MOTION RELATING TO A GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Hon. Otto Jelinek (for the Minister of Finance) moved that a Ways and Means motion relating to a Goods and Services Tax, laid upon the Table on Monday, January 22, 1990, be concurred in.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour will please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion the yeas have it.

And more than five members having risen:

Mr. Speaker: Call in the members.

The House divided on the motion which was agreed to on the following division:

(Division No. 169)

YEAS

Members

Andre	Attewell
Beatty	Belsher
Bernier	Bird
Bjornson	Blackburn (Jonquière)
Blais	Blenkarn
Bouchard (Roberval)	Bourgault
Boyer	Brightwell
Browes	Cadieux
Campbell (Vancouver Centre)	Cardiff
Casey	Chadwick
Champagne (Champlain)	Chartrand
Clifford	Cole
Cook	Cooper
Corbeil	Côté
Crosby (Halifax West)	Darling
DeBlois	de Cotret
Della Noce	Desjardins
Dobbie	Dommm