

Mr. Mackasey: Mr. Speaker, I do not think a white paper would be necessary. Certainly I would not put it on slides. What I should like to do is put the amendments on the Order Paper as soon as possible. However, this again will depend on the speed and dispatch with which we clean up legislation already on the Order Paper.

POLLUTION

DUMPING OF OIL AND OTHER WASTE IN GREAT LAKES

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport relating to the greatly increasing concern over continued dumping of oil and other waste from ships in the Great Lakes, in contravention of the Fisheries Act. What efforts has the government made to increase surveillance so that a greater proportion of major offenders are promptly prosecuted?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I would think this question should be placed on the order paper.

Mr. Nesbitt: Mr. Speaker, with great respect, may I draw Your Honour's attention to the fact that before very long the shipping season on the Great Lakes will be completely closed, and complaints that oil is being dumped into the lakes are constantly being made. I should have thought that the minister would have a reply.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE OF CNR FINANCIAL STRUCTURE AND PENSION FUND

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the President of the Privy Council. In view of the discussions that have taken place in relation to the business coming before the House today, would the minister be prepared to move a motion forthwith giving the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications terms of reference to study the financial structure of Canadian National Railways and the CNR pension fund, with provision for calling witnesses as determined by the committee?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I wish to confirm there have been discussions with hon. members. I would be prepared to make such a

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motion on the understanding that the bill would be disposed of today. I gather that there are several speakers in two of the groups opposite who wish to participate in the debate on the bill. If the House is prepared to give consent to revert to motions, on that understanding I would move:

That the question of the financial structure of the Canadian National Railways and Canadian National Railways pension fund be referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the motion put by the President of the Privy Council. Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

GOVERNMENT TELEVISION ADVERTISEMENT

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a question about a government advertisement carried by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation television service. This advertisement shows the figure of a man beating a drum and blowing his own horn, so I will direct my question to the Minister of Labour. I would ask the minister whether this advertisement is directed to the individual when it states: "It is your right"?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. MacInnis: Mr. Speaker, since the minister does not care to answer, may I ask the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs a supplementary question? Would the minister check into the truth of this government advertisement, since in view of what is happening in Cape Breton it is far from the truth?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I have not seen this advertisement, but if the hon. members wants to send me the text of it, or a copy, I would be glad to look into the matter.

Mr. Horner: Send him a colour slide.

Mr. MacInnis: May I ask the Minister of Labour—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.