

documents. Surely the Hon. Member heard me say that we reject the common property theory with respect to the salmon resource. I would hope that he heard—and I am asking him if he heard—us recommend an industry management board which could determine policy, reporting to the Minister, and which would publish that policy for accountability of both the board and the Minister. I ask the Hon. Member if he heard me say that a buy-back should be started now with up front money, a scheme by which royalties are phased in as those remaining in the industry can pay for it. Has he heard me say over and over again in the House that we have had two years of delay in implementing a buy-back and that we should have got on with it even if all the details of repayment could not be sorted out immediately?

I ask the Hon. Member if he heard me say today that second stage salmon enhancement program funding should be brought forward immediately to get on with small stream enhancement, and that this work should be done to provide employment for displaced fishermen and other fishermen in difficult economic circumstances, which would include the native fishermen. I have been a sport fisherman all my life. I have caught salmon, steelhead and trout. I recognize, as does everyone in British Columbia, that the sport fishing sector is part of the industry. I ask the Hon. Member if he did not hear that I included the sport fishery in all my remarks. I do not mind the Minister saying we have not answered all of the questions he posed, or answered all the details of the questions, but I would ask the Hon. Member to let the House know whether he heard anything at all of what we said this afternoon.

Mr. Tobin: Thank you, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Fraser: Just a moment. I wonder, with the consent of the House, if I could just correct—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault): Order, please. The Parliamentary Secretary has the floor. Will he defer to the Hon. Member for Vancouver South (Mr. Fraser)?

Mr. Tobin: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault): Agreed.

Mr. Fraser: Mr. Speaker, I believe I misled my friend inadvertently. I have just been handed a note which says that I indicated we reject the common property theory. I did not mean that. We support the common property theory and we reject any notions which would depart from that. I thank the Hon. Member for allowing me to correct that.

Mr. Tobin: Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member was saved in the nick of time. I would have had great trouble squaring that with what I thought to be his position.

Mr. Fraser: I figured you heard that.

Mr. Tobin: Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member is suggesting that I have said, or the Minister has said, that we are not hearing anything constructive from the Conservative Party.

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Let me say to the Hon. Member for Vancouver South (Mr. Fraser) personally, that I have found him to be, notwithstanding Party labels, one of the most decent men which I have worked with in this House, whether in committee or in any other way, shape or form. I always listen very carefully, extra carefully, Mr. Speaker, to every word he utters. I generally find that he makes great sense. In fact, I wish that I could be sure, whenever I talk to him, that the tone of his remarks reflects that of the so-called Official Opposition. I wish the Hon. Members opposite would square its approach with comments made by the Hon. Member for St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie) when he says, "We are not going to tell you until after the next election", because there are fundamentally two different kinds of approach coming from that Hon. Member and from those who claim to speak for his Party.

We have heard, for example, the recommendation that there needs to be a buy-back now, immediately, that in fact we should have started two years ago. I do not believe anyone would argue that there needs to be a fleet reduction of some sort. However, saying it should be so does not answer the question of who should be bought out, and who should decide, Governments, industry or consultative groups, who gets bought out and at what price. The industry is overcapitalized. At what price, and who pays? Those are the kinds of questions, Mr. Speaker, that we have been dealing with. Those are the kinds of questions which a consultative committee has been trying to come to grips with. It is easy, but not enough, to say we will worry about the details later and will get the buy-out going now.

These three or four questions I have raised are very fundamental, and those are the kind of questions to which answers have not been forthcoming. I know we need to eradicate poverty in Canada. I know we need full employment in this country. Saying it, however, will not make it so. Having exercised my mind to come to those two simple conclusions does not make me brilliant. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I am still looking for greater detail rather than simple platitudes.

Mr. Fraser: As long as you are listening.

Mr. Huntington: Mr. Speaker, in his remarks the Parliamentary Secretary mentioned that a maximum return was due to the people who own the resource, the people of Canada. Would the Hon. Member tell us exactly what he means by that? Is he talking about royalty, and if so, what rate of royalty? How is that to be understood?

Mr. Tobin: Mr. Speaker, unlike some of my colleagues from the great Province of Newfoundland, I was born after 1949, which was after we joined Confederation, so I grew up being told that whether we were born in Bonavista Bay, Toronto, Winnipeg or Vancouver, we are all Canadians. Therefore, when I say that the fisheries should be utilized and managed in such a way as to bring the greatest economic return to Canadians, of course I mean those Canadians who are adjacent to that resource and, of course, I mean those Canadians in the great Province of British Columbia who have made their livelihood from that resource. What I am suggesting is that if we