

Inquiries of the Ministry

motions. But if hon. members want to allow the minister to reply, I have no objection.

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Within the limitations placed by Your Honour on the questioning of ministers within their own competence, I will address my question to the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister is aware of what was said by the Minister of National Defence. Does that reflect present government policy with regard to NATO and NORAD?

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I answered the question on Monday. I read from the statement of the minister wherein he said that present policy was under review and he was not stating his conclusions as to what the result of the review would be. This is a matter for the government to decide. I realize there is quite a bit of distress in the opposition ranks about our policy, but if it will reassure them I can tell them that we are pursuing our review and will come to a policy which all cabinet ministers will support wholeheartedly.

An hon. Member: Or else they won't be there.

DRUGS**IMPOSITION OF CONTROLS ON AMPHETAMINE TYPE STIMULANTS**

Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova): Mr. Speaker, on Monday I asked a question of the Secretary of State for External Affairs regarding drugs. Perhaps the ruling that this question should have been placed on the order paper may have been given because you, Mr. Speaker, did not understand the question, since it is reported incorrectly in *Hansard*.

The question should be: For what reason did Canada refuse to support the efforts of Sweden—not of students—to impose strict controls, through the United Nations narcotics commission, on amphetamine type stimulants.

Mr. Speaker: I am sure the revised question is more acceptable than the first one, but I am afraid that even with the change I must rule that it should be placed on the order paper. If there is a matter of urgency, it could be discussed at the time of adjournment.

CRIMINAL CODE**AVAILABILITY OF AMENDING BILL**

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address this question to the Minister [Mr. Speaker.]

of Justice. In view of the large number of requests I have received, as I am sure other members of this house have, regarding extra copies of the bill to amend the Criminal Code, Bill C-150, would the minister use his good offices to make more copies available to members.

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): That is a good idea, Mr. Speaker.

FISHERIES**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT RESPECTING GOVERNMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Fisheries. In view of the tremendous uncertainty regarding the economic feasibility of prosecuting the 1969 fishery operation, could the minister give some definite indication of when and what type of governmental program will prevail in this coming 1969 season?

Mr. Speaker: I am wondering whether perhaps the hon. member is asking for a statement which should be made on motions. This is the impression I have.

Mr. Lundrigan: Then perhaps I might ask at what definite date we might expect an indication of the nature of the government's program to be announced for the coming season.

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries): The answer very briefly is that this matter is under active discussion with the representatives of the fishermen and with the companies at the present time.

Mr. Lundrigan: A number of hon. members have received a tremendous number of inquiries from people who plan literally to quit the fishing operation altogether. We have heard this same answer on a number of occasions. I would like a more definite indication.

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, my question is a supplementary, directed to the Minister of Fisheries. On January 21 the minister announced, in reply to my question, that he would be announcing the policy in this regard within the month. Does that still stand, and when can we expect an announcement, since January now is just about over?

Mr. Davis: Certainly before February 21, Mr. Speaker.