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**Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I have said all the way along that the concept of the safe third country is in the legislation. It has not been proclaimed.

It was my hope certainly and continues to be my expectation that the system will work and that we will not move to a third safe country concept. I can certainly assure the hon. member and the country that if that is what is necessary, that is in the legislation for me to use at some future time should we need it.

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[Translation]

#### BROADCASTING

**Mr. Guy Ricard (Laval):** Mr. Speaker, a few days ago, a TV channel in Montreal showed a film where a commando entered a school and started firing at the students.

Last night, we had a similar scenario at the Montreal École Polytechnique, with disastrous results.

My question is directed to the Minister of Communications. I would like to know whether in the near future, the Minister intends to table a bill dealing with violence on television, both in films and TV in programs, and will he do so as soon as possible?

**An Hon. Member:** Right on, Guy!

**Hon. Jean Corbeil (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, in responding to the question by the hon. member for Laval, I would like to join the Prime Minister and the two opposition leaders who, earlier today, expressed their sympathy and extended their condolences to parents and friends of the victims of this senseless act.

The hon. member for Laval is no doubt aware that broadcasters are responsible for their programs, subject to CRTC supervision. We can only hope that in the light of what has happened, the broadcasters and the CRTC will take some kind of action.

The hon. member for Laval is also aware that the CRTC's autonomy in these matters precludes the Minis-

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ter of Communications and the government from intervening with respect to program content.

However, I intend to inform the Minister of Communications of the hon. member's concerns which, I imagine, are shared by all members of this House.

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**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Gander—Grand Falls, a single question and it must be short.

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#### FISHERIES

**Mr. George S. Baker (Gander—Grand Falls):** Mr. Speaker, we are faced with the worst fish plant closures in the history of Canada and some companies have gone to East Bloc countries asking for a supply of fish to operate their fish plants.

Canadian fishermen are not allowed to fish within the 200-mile zone of the Soviet Union or Bulgaria or Cuba or Japan or Norway, but they have been guaranteed quotas this year inside Canada's 200-mile zone.

I want to ask the Government of Canada, will it now cancel all foreign fishing within Canada's 200-mile zone as the United States has done, as every other country in the world has done, so we don't have to go to the Soviet Union and say: "Please, Soviet Union, will you give us some fish to operate our fish plants?"

**Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister for International Trade):** Finally, Mr. Speaker, we have had a question. The position is, as the hon. gentleman well knows, that certain stocks in our 200-mile limit are straddling stocks like the hon. gentleman opposite. They try to straddle every issue that comes forward.

The hon. gentlemen will also know that under the Law of the Sea, both Canada and all other countries that have a continental shelf have no choice but to offer foreign countries access to Canadian stocks which are clearly surplus to our needs. For example, we had a TAC for silver hake this year, 135,000 tonnes. Canadian fishermen actually caught 100 tonnes despite special programs and grants and we had to offer the surplus to Russia and other countries. That happened with silver hake. It would also happen to the hon. gentleman's silver tongue.