

*External Affairs*

I am glad, however, that the minister has made this statement up to this point. I hope he will keep the matter under constant review and that any facts that should be revealed will be made known in due course.

**Mr. Doug Rowland (Selkirk):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to express thanks to the minister for providing the House with this reasonably comprehensive report of Canadian actions in connection with the tragic and reprehensible incident, the killing of two Canadian nationals by Zambian soldiers. All of us in this House welcome the statement by President Kaunda, referred to in the minister's statement. President Kaunda's statement was one of regret and apology, and an offer of *ex gratia* payments to the two families of the two young women who were killed.

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However, I agree with the minister that it is the responsibility of the Canadian government to continue to insist that the Zambian government carry out an investigation in order to produce an explanation that will satisfy reasonable public opinion in Canada. The revulsion in Canadian public opinion and the dismay of the Canadian public because a friendly government would not carry out such investigation and provide a reasonable explanation should be borne home to the Zambian government with considerable force. I hope the government will continue to exert force, and perhaps intensify it, if these explanations are not forthcoming; this could be done, as the hon. member who just spoke suggested, perhaps at the conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers.

My party does not suggest that Canada, as a result of this tragic incident, should engage in a sort of economic gunboat diplomacy nor that our relationship with the Zambian government should be determined on the basis of this one incident which, as I said earlier, is both tragic and reprehensible. I suggest, however, that if a satisfactory explanation is not forthcoming at the time of the Commonwealth Conference, the minister should give serious consideration to inviting our High Commissioner in Zambia home to discuss the whole matter, indeed, to consult with him on the matter.

[Translation]

**Mr. René Matte (Champlain):** Mr. Speaker, the government of Zambia has undoubtedly not yet given all the explanations we were expecting and we wonder whether the minister should not send other official notes of protest to them. It is all very well for them to excuse themselves, and to give brief explanations for the circumstances surrounding the tragedy, but it seems to me that such a thing should never have happened, and consequently, if the explanations are not clear enough, I believe that the government should return to the charge to give Zambia a severe reprimand, or at least to let them know quite clearly that that sort of behaviour is abnormal, undemocratic and inhuman.

[Mr. Hales.]

**FAMILY ALLOWANCES ACT, 1973****MEASURE TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF FAMILY AND SPECIAL ALLOWANCES**

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-211, intituled "An Act to provide for the payment of family allowances in respect of children to supplement the income of Canadian families and for the payment of special allowances to provide for the care and maintenance of other children, and to amend the Income Tax Act in consequence thereof".

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

**QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER**

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

[Text]

**STUDIES ON ICEBREAKER HULLS FOR USE IN THE CANADIAN ARCHIPELAGO**

Question No. 1,724—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. What studies have been carried out on the form that icebreaker hulls should take for 10 to 12 months use in the Canadian Archipelago?
2. (a) What were the costs of such studies (b) on what date did they (i) commence (ii) finish (c) who conducted them (d) under what budgetary items did they appear?
3. Who is in receipt of a contract to carry out studies on power sources for such icebreakers?
4. (a) What were the terms of reference of this contract (b) how was it awarded (c) on what date was it awarded (d) how soon does the government expect a report, either interim or final?
5. When does the government intend to make any or all of the results of these studies public information?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** 1. Some general investigations have occurred in the Ministry of Transport in order to survey the state of the art. Formal contracted studies will begin in 1973-74.

2. (a) Only normal Operation and Maintenance costs were incurred. These amounted to about \$25,000. (b) (i) The studies were initiated in 1970. (ii) They are still underway. (c) They are being carried out by the Canadian Coast Guard. (d) The costs appeared under Coast Guard Operation and Maintenance Administration.

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4. (a) This contract was for a study of alternate power plants for all types of Coast Guard ships. The terms of reference for an Eastern Arctic (Class 6) icebreaker. "The machinery design is for an advanced ship concept and is to have a superior overall system effectiveness. The power modes to be analyzed and compared with those of existing major icebreakers as to performance, reliability and capital and operating costs, are to include the following: Gas turbine power for main propulsion. Combined gas turbine and steam turbine for main propulsion. Combined gas