

Fisheries Act

[English]

I give the floor to the Hon. Member for Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands (Mr. Manly). He has one minute left in his speech.

Mr. Manly: Mr. Speaker, I apologize if I was slightly out of order on that last issue. I simply raised the matter because of the concern of the Indian people themselves. They felt that they had been shabbily treated. However, if I was out of order, I do apologize to the Hon. members of the Conservative Party.

Mr. Rodriguez: They are so sensitive.

Mr. Manly: I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Skeena (Mr. Fulton):

That debate on Bill C-32 be adjourned until 4 p.m. today.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Chair has received a motion by Mr. Manly, by virtue of Standing Order 50, wherein he moves that the debate on Bill C-32 be adjourned until four o'clock today. The first part of the motion technically would be in order. However, by having added a certain time limit, the Hon. Member has qualified the motion. For that reason, the Chair must rule the motion out of order.

Mr. Manly: Mr. Speaker, I would ask permission to withdraw the final words of the motion in order to make it in order.

Some Hon. Members: No, no.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Chair has already ruled on the motion and it is out of order. The Hon. Member for Prince Albert (Mr. Hovdebo).

Mr. McDermid: Tell us what you know about fish.

Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert): Where I come from, Mr. Speaker, we do a lot of fishing.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Hovdebo: This Bill before the House is very typical of what this Government has been doing during its few months in office. It keeps giving lip service to a large number of issues but never really gets a good hold on them. It never follows up on what it says it is going to do. For instance, Motion No. 1, the process of consultation was insisted upon by the New Democratic Party with respect to this particular Bill. We finally convinced the Government to allow the committee to travel to the West Coast—

Mr. Gass: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. The Hon. Member is speaking on Motion No. 1, I believe, and that has to do with eggs, spawn, spat and larvae. It has nothing to do with consultation.

Mr. Skelly: Mr. Speaker, I find the behaviour of the Parliamentary Secretary certainly very questionable. I wonder if there is not a mechanism available to the Chair to prevent frivolous points of order so that the Hon. Member will not keep on disrupting what I think has been an incredibly good

speech. He has failed to allow the Hon. Member to develop the context in which his remarks will be made.

Mr. Gass: Mr. Speaker, Motion No. 7 is in respect to consultation with coastal communities. Motion No. 8 has to do with consultation with traditional user groups. I believe the Hon. Member has his speech notes mixed up and is speaking on Motions Nos. 7 and 8 rather than Motion No. 1.

Mr. Skelly: Mr. Speaker, we have a problem that if the Government wishes to impose regulations on eggs, spat and larvae, there definitely has to be consultation on how this will be implemented, and the Hon. Member was moving towards that. In the limited time remaining, he will have difficulty developing his remarks.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Prince Albert (Mr. Hovdebo) has the floor, and I would ask him to be relevant to the motion.

Mr. Hovdebo: Mr. Speaker, I would like to put on the record exactly what the definition of fish is and the need for this Bill to take a look at that definition in regard to some consultation with—

Mr. Rodriguez: Fish. What is a fish?

Mr. Hovdebo:—so that this Bill does react to the requirements and needs of the fishermen on both coasts.

Mr. Crombie: Three coasts.

Mr. Hovdebo: Three coasts. Thank you, Sir. The definition of "fish" includes:

- (a) portions of fish,
- (b) shellfish, crustaceans, marine animals, marine plants and portions thereof,
- (c) the eggs, spawn, spat and juvenile stages of fish, shellfish, crustaceans and marine animals, and
- (d) such fish products and by-products as are prescribed pursuant to Section 34;

The amendment adds to that definition "larvae". I started to develop the need for consultation, the need to put definitions into the Act so that the fishermen know exactly what they are getting into.

My second point as far as this Government is concerned is that it says it is going to put less government on the people, that there will be less regulation. But what does this Bill do? It increases the amount of intervention in the fishery industry by the Government. It establishes more control in an industry where the control is probably already at maximum.

This is a Bill which the Government insists we pass without any debate. It has completely overlooked the kind of consultation which is needed by the native groups and fisherpersons across the country. Just by looking at this one Bill, I can name four areas where this Government is going back on its word. It says it will listen to consultation, yet it does nothing. It says that it will protect the native rights of the native people of Canada and it ignores them in this particular Bill. It says it will have less government regulation and it proceeds to put before us a bill which increases government regulation in this