

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Speaker. The minister did not get around to answering the second part of my question. Does the minister intend to impose a daily limit on sports fishermen with respect to the number of fish that may be caught?

Mr. Davis: Mr. Speaker, there is a limit on the number of fish any particular angler may take in any one day. That is the only limit imposed on them and the only limit we intend to impose on them this year.

Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. The minister may have partially answered it. In view of the situation the minister has described with regard to the coho salmon run, is he considering a reduction in the daily allowable catch for sports fishermen?

Mr. Davis: Not at the moment, Mr. Speaker.

OFFSHORE BANKS—CONSERVATION CONTROLS
—INQUIRY AS TO INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I also wish to direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. In view of the statement made by Mr. Roy Jackson to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization meeting in Halifax that there is a pressing need for global studies as a prelude to some form of international management of deep sea fishing, can the minister indicate whether any progress has been made toward establishing an international conference at which the question of conservation controls on our offshore banks can be discussed?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, considerable progress has been made recently through the International North Atlantic Fisheries Commission toward the establishment of over-all quotas for fishing of the various stocks in the north Atlantic. We are hopeful that these can be applied in the next few years.

SEALS—DISCUSSIONS REGARDING
CONSERVATION

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, is the minister prepared to report to the house the results of the discussions at ICNAF with regard to the conservation of the seal herd off the front of Labrador?

[Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands).]

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, we have been holding discussions in this respect. I think the major developments for 1970 will be within our own control and as a result of our discussions with the Norwegians.

FINANCE

BANK LOANS—AVAILABILITY TO SMALL
BUSINESSES—BUILDERS' FINANCING

Hon. Hugh John Flemming (Carleton-Charlotte): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. The minister said recently that priority would be given to areas of lesser development and to small businesses in respect of the lending of funds. Can the minister advise the house what agreement or arrangements have been made to ensure that small businesses have adequate and immediate access to credit? Also, can he say how successful these arrangements have been?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I made this submission to the banks as did the Governor of the Bank of Canada, and I understand this is the policy being followed by the banks.

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the minister examine a question which has been raised in some areas outside our large cities, namely, that the house building industry is suffering because of the failure of the banks to provide interim financing?

Mr. Benson: Mr. Speaker, this is an interesting question that has not been brought to my attention. I will, of course, look into the matter. It is true that the restrictions being placed upon the monetary system in Canada for the purpose of fighting inflation will prevent some people getting all the money they want.

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, I have a question arising out of the minister's answer to the question posed by the hon. member for Carleton-Charlotte. Apart from his general impressions, would the minister be prepared to make a statement to the house on motions, if we are still in session, or table a report on this matter so we may know to what extent the banks have participated in the program?

Mr. Benson: Mr. Speaker, I will be pleased to take up this matter with the Governor of the Bank of Canada.