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gallons plus, but I am not certain of the exact figure. It is not only for her own purposes but for the refuelling of the icebreaker during the trip. One of the regulations, however, that we will insist on is that the oil be carried in the most protected bunkers of the ship and as far removed as possible from potential damage.

**Mr. Stanfield:** A further supplementary question. I wonder whether the minister would agree, as a result of his experience in connection with the recent tragedy off Nova Scotia, that he will be completely unable to cope with any pollution in the north if in fact it does take place.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Transport. Has the minister presented Humble Oil Company with the conditions to which he just referred in his answer, and which he more specifically referred to in an answer of his reported on page 4021 of *Hansard*, to the effect that the qualifications that would apply would in fact be the same as if the legislation had been implemented?

**Mr. Jamieson:** Mr. Speaker, the detailed regulations have not as of this moment been submitted to the Humble Oil Company because they are presently being drafted. The general basis of the agreement has been conveyed to the Humble Oil Company. The general regulations should be completed by the end of this week, and will then be submitted to them.

[Later:]

**Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Transport whether he would agree that reassurance would be given if he were to arrange to table the documentation, the regulations and other details of his correspondence with the Humble Oil Company relative to this trip?

**Mr. Jamieson:** Mr. Speaker, I can think of no objection to that proposal and I will be glad to consider it and make the regulations and other relevant documents known, if that is within my purview.

[Later:]

**Mr. McGrath:** Mr. Speaker, my question is supplementary to the questions concerning the subject of oil pollution and the voyage of

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the *Manhattan*. It is directed to the Government House Leader. Is the Government House Leader now prepared to set up a committee of the House to deal with the subject of pollution as called for in the motion put forward by the hon. member for Esquimalt-Saanich which was unanimously accepted by the House?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member would inform himself he would find out that the House has already set up the committee. I do not believe we have had the nominations from the other parties in this regard.

SOUTH COAST OF NEWFOUNDLAND—CHEDABUCTO BAY—REPORT ON PRESENT SITUATION

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary or perhaps a related question. Has the minister had a preliminary report from his task force which is presently investigating the pollution off Nova Scotia and also the pollution that resulted from the oil slick off the south coast of Newfoundland?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have had a preliminary report. The operation is going as well as can be expected in the very difficult weather conditions. I think the result of the task force's efforts has been to conduct a number of meetings with the fishermen and others, and also with various engineering people, and they appear to be making what I would be prepared to call reasonable progress.

[Later:]

**Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to my friend the Minister of Transport. I wonder whether the minister can say if in co-operation with the Minister of Fisheries any initiatives are being taken to minimize the effect of oil pollution on bird life on the east coast of Canada? If not, would he give consideration to this subject and try to minimize the effect and rehabilitate the birds already affected?

**Mr. Jamieson:** Mr. Speaker, the projects group under Dr. McTaggart-Cowan has this as one of its projects. They have seconded to them officials of the wildlife division of the Department of Fisheries. They are doing their