

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, the report to which the hon. member refers has been circulated to all hon. members. It is a consultants' report and will be studied as such. I would appreciate having the views of hon. members as well as the views of the provincial premiers and mayors of principal Ontario cities who will also receive this report.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I have a copy of the report and have read it. It includes recommendations for setting up neighbourhood counsellors to advise on time, weather, how to apply for a job—not how to get one—drivers' licences, how to get an abortion, the names of reliable garagemen, counselling on data storage, how to repair your car, and all that kind of thing.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. We are running short of time and I hope the right hon. gentleman will soon ask his question.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, I would need the whole afternoon to read portions of this remarkable document. I ask the minister whether, among those consulted in order to bring about this monstrosity, Mao or any of his associates was communicated with.

Mr. Stanbury: I do not think so, Mr. Speaker.

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CANADA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**ALLEGED REFUSAL OF BELL CANADA AND ROYAL BANK EXECUTIVES TO ACCEPT APPOINTMENT TO INTERIM BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Mr. Doug Rowland (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance, but since he has left the chamber perhaps the Prime Minister could look after it for me. Have Messrs. R. C. Scrivner of Bell Canada and John Colman of the Royal Bank of Canada turned down an invitation to sit on the interim board of directors of the Canada Development Corporation? If so, can the Prime Minister tell us why?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether they have turned it down. I do not know whether such offer was made to them to sit on an interim board of directors of something or other. Perhaps the hon. member is right, but I have no jurisdiction over that. Perhaps he should ask them.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I apologize to hon. members who have been rising during the question period; I was hoping we could give them an opportunity to ask their questions but we have run three or four minutes beyond the regular time. Perhaps at this moment the Chair might recognize the hon. member for Matane before calling Orders of the Day, since he has a question of privilege. Is the hon. member for Selkirk rising on a point of order?

Mr. Rowland: Mr. Speaker, I fail to understand how the Prime Minister can tell the House that he has no

[Mr. Nowlan.]

jurisdiction over appointments to the board of directors of the CDC in the interim stages.

[Translation]

Mr. Pierre De Bané (Matane): Mr. Speaker, a written statement I made on the last report of the Bank of Canada and especially on the economic theory, was interpreted by some newspapers as reflecting on the government's anticyclical policy. In this instance, the newspapers in question have completely distorted my thinking—

Mr. Speaker: Order. I should point out to the hon. member that when rising on a question of privilege, as in this case, the hon. member must give notice to the Chair and, in the circumstances, the hon. member will appreciate that he cannot carry the matter any further.

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege, in view of the importance of the question which I would have liked to direct to the Prime Minister in connection with the census.

As the census is a rather important matter, I think that the Chair will allow me to deal briefly, in view of the injection of \$3.5 million which will affect 42,000 workers—

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member will acknowledge that there is no question of privilege here. I sincerely regret that the hon. member has not been able to ask that important question. He may perhaps be able to get the information he is seeking in another manner, or later this afternoon. I feel the same for the hon. members for Spadina (Mr. Ryan) and Dauphin (Mr. Ritchie), who are among those who did not have the opportunity to ask their questions this afternoon.

• (3:40 p.m.)

[English]

GOVERNMENT ORDERS**NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES CONVENTION ACT****AMENDMENTS RESPECTING DEFINITIONS, INSPECTION, OFFENCES AND PUNISHMENT**

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry) moved that Bill S-13, to amend the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I know that all hon. members are concerned about overfishing in the North Atlantic, especially overfishing near our own shores, and I think they all agree that we must bring this situation under control. We must conduct these fishing operations in international waters on a sustained yield basis. We need a formula which will enable us to operate in this way. We need data. We need assurance that fishing carried out by nationals of other countries conforms with a set of rules which make sense from a long-term point of view.