

the Cr ditistes might have an opportunity of presenting what in my opinion is a very important issue.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, it would probably be rather inconvenient to many members to extend the sitting today for an hour. I can undertake, on behalf of the government, that when we have some time of our own, which will not be next week, we will give an hour of government time. I suggest that a week from Wednesday there might be another hour's debate on this subject.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, obviously the hon. member for Timiskaming (Mr. Peters) asked for the unanimous consent of the House to extend the time today for one hour because many people are interested in this matter. They have come a great distance to hear it and the debate is of interest to all. That unanimous consent has now been refused.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. There is no machinery, procedurally, whereby the House can be asked at this point to give unanimous consent to extending the hours. There is time in the last hour or half-hour, as the case may be—which will approach very quickly—to determine whether it is the disposition of the House to extend the hours. That question can be taken up at that time. It is not, procedurally, in order at this point.

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[Translation]

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

NATIONAL RESOURCES AND PUBLIC WORKS

Eighth report of Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works—Mr. Martin.

[English]

JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

Sixteenth Report of the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs—Mr. MacGuigan.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

TABLING OF MARIN COMMISSION REPORT

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2), I wish to table, in both official languages, copies of the commission of inquiry relating to public complaints, internal discipline and grievance procedure within the RCMP, known as the Marin commission report.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

TABLING OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to an undertaking given to the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton (Mr. Baker) I wish to table, pursuant

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to Standing Order 41(2), three documents, in both official languages, relating to criminal activities as follows: Questions and answers relating to the capital punishment issue; statistics relating to the gun question; statistical handbook—selected aspects of criminal justice.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. J.-J. Blais (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 4,106, 4,142 and 4,596.

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

DYKE WORK AT ROBERTS BANK, B.C.

Question No. 4,106—**Mr. Reynolds:**

1. Were environmental reports responsible for the halting of the dyke work at Roberts Bank in Delta, British Columbia and, if so, which ones?
2. Did the Department of the Environment find technically inaccurate conclusions in such reports and, if so, what effect did this have on the halting of work on the dyke?
3. (a) Who was the contractor on the dyke (b) what was the value of the contract (c) how much work was completed?
4. Was the contract paid in full and, if not, what compensation was given the contractor for the delay?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of the Environment and Minister of Fisheries): 1. Yes, investigations of the utilization of the Fraser estuary by commercially and recreationally important fishes and wildlife were undertaken in 1973 primarily in response to proposals to expand the Vancouver International Airport and the Sturgeon Bank Port facility. The resulting technical reports are entitled The Vancouver International Airport Expansion Proposals and Possible Impact on Wildlife of the Fraser River Estuary (Canadian Wildlife Services, Environment Canada, 1974) and Fisheries Resources and Food Web Components of the Fraser River Estuary and an Assessment of the Impacts of Proposed Expansion of Vancouver International Airport and Other Developments on these Resources (Fisheries and Marine Service, Environment Canada, 1975). Coincident with the initial decision to halt dyke construction, a field investigation of the Tsawwassen marsh was conducted. The results are presented in a Fisheries and Marine File Report, August, 1975, entitled Salt-marsh Vegetation, Fish and Invertebrate Survey, Roberts Bank. The dependence of fishery and wildlife resources on intertidal estuarine environments is further documented in the following reports: An Environmental Assessment of Nanaimo Port Alternatives, Environment Canada, 1973. A Biological Assessment of Fish Utilization of the Skeena River Estuary with Special Reference to Port Development in Prince Rupert, Fisheries and Marine Service, Environment Canada, 1973. Effects of Existing and Proposed Development on the Aquatic Ecosystem of the Squamish Estuary, Fisheries and Marine Services, Environment Canada, 1972. In addition to the foregoing, an analysis of