

but now I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, because his seatmate, the Minister of Transport, did not consider and accept a principle which was accepted by the Conservative government.

Is he aware that his government will be paying out \$275 million to two American banks, the J. P. Morgan Interfunding Corporation and the Connecticut Bank and Trust Company, for leases on Canadian hopper cars?

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Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Madam Speaker, I am sure my colleague, the Minister of Transport, is very much aware of all these considerations. He is demonstrating that daily.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Gray: And I am happy to share with him—

An hon. Member: Get your tongue out of your cheek.

Mr. Gray: I am happy to share with him a commitment to improving very soon western grain transportation.

An hon. Member: Beat your chest.

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FISHERIES

POLICY ON COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ON EAST COAST

Mr. Fred McCain (Carleton-Charlotte): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. Has he and his department arrived at a policy yet with respect to the commercial salmon fishery in the Bay of Fundy and other areas of Atlantic Canada? If so, what is that policy?

Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): Madam Speaker, I hope I understood the hon. member's question. The policy has not changed. Perhaps the hon. member is referring to some newspaper report to the effect that 75 per cent of a fisherman's income would have to come from the fishery before he was qualified to hold a licence. Frankly, I do not know from where the report originated. That is not in the policy. We are discussing the whole area of fisheries licensing, but under no circumstances would we put, in that type of region—which is rather dependent upon seasonal fisheries—that sort of regulation. So I can only knock down what appears to have been a rather mistaken speculation about the whole field of licensing.

Mr. McCain: Madam Speaker, in view of the fact commercial fishermen in the Bay of Fundy and other Atlantic regions where the salmon fishery is now barred will not have a fishing season this year, is the minister now prepared to assure salmon fishermen that they will receive the historic payments in lieu of fishing that was the policy of his department for a number of years? If so, when?

Oral Questions

Mr. LeBlanc: Madam Speaker, I really have to remind the hon. member—and he might want to look at this in *Hansard* when he sat on this side—it was announced that the ban would be continued but compensation would be terminated. The then minister, my predecessor, then realigned his position and I congratulate him for it. But the fact is that no money was left in the estimates to undertake the payment to fishermen. I am now trying to restore this budget, as I am trying to restore a number of others.

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NATIONAL ANTHEM

REQUEST THAT RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS OPEN AND CLOSE DAILY PROGRAMS WITH "O CANADA"

Mr. Normand Lapointe (Beauce): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State. Radio and television stations used to end their programming by playing our national anthem, "O Canada". This commendable custom was dropped some time during the 1970s. Would the Secretary of State write a letter to the administration of the radio and television stations urging them to open and close their daily programming by playing "O Canada"?

Hon. Francis Fox (Secretary of State and Minister of Communications): Madam Speaker, I feel that the suggestion made by the hon. member touches the heart of every member of the House. It will give me great pleasure to follow up on it and communicate with all radio and television stations as well as with all cable companies in the country recommending that they adopt the policy suggested by the hon. member.

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SUPPLY AND SERVICES

PURCHASE OF TIRES FROM CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of Supply and Services): Madam Speaker, during the period reserved for presentation of motions under S.O. 43, the hon. member for Kootenay East-Revelstoke (Mr. Parker) made a motion. I thank him for having brought to the attention of Canadians through his motion the very progressive policy my department has adopted concerning supply, in using this system to "Canadianize" our industry. Unfortunately, Madam Speaker, when he made these statements, he indicated that we had bought thousands of tires from Hungary whereas in fact we have bought only 192.

Madam Speaker: Order. There is so much noise in the House of Commons that I cannot even hear whether the hon. minister is raising a point of order and decide whether he ought to be recognized. I would ask hon. members to let me hear him so I can see what procedure should be adopted.