

Inquiries of the Ministry

of his department intend to take any legal action against the International Paper Company for dumping black fluid into the St. Maurice River, thus killing thousands of fish, especially as the Quebec minister in charge of the environment, Victor Goldbloom, stated recently that this is now a federal matter?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, we will be holding discussions with the Quebec authorities in connection with this matter.

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FISHERIES**ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ORGANIZATION OF CONSERVATION CONFERENCE**

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Fisheries—and I should like to point out for the benefit of *Hansard* that there is still a Minister of Fisheries—if he intends to accept administrative responsibility for the conference on conservation which is being organized by his colleague, the Minister of Transport and if not, why not?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment): Yes, Mr. Speaker, we will accept responsibility for organizing the conference.

Mr. McGrath: May I ask the Minister of Fisheries if the conference will take place in Ottawa, when the conference will take place and who will represent the government?

Mr. Davis: Mr. Speaker, invitations have already gone out. We expect the conference to be held in Ottawa within the next two weeks.

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NORTHERN AFFAIRS**LAND USE REGULATIONS—REVIEW BY COMMITTEE OF HOUSE**

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Have the proposed Arctic land use regulations been completed and approved by your department?

Mr. Chrétien: Would the hon. member repeat the question, please?

Mr. Harding: Have the proposed Arctic land use regulations been completed and approved by your department?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member no doubt realizes that the question ought to be addressed through the Chair. This having been said, the minister might reply.

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, the regulations in question were published in the *Canada Gazette* in July. Those who were interested had six weeks to present a report and make comments. Those six weeks have now

[Mr. Rock.]

expired. We are studying the recommendations, and I trust the regulations will become effective about the middle of October.

[English]

Mr. Harding: Will these regulations be reviewed by the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development before final adoption?

[Translation]

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, I am not a member of the committee. These rules have been published and they are official; if the members of the committee want to consider them, it is their privilege and not mine.

[English]

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, will the minister make available to the committee which is now studying these matters the representations that he has received as a result of the publication of the regulations in the *Canada Gazette*?

[Translation]

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, I do not know which of these representations could be forwarded. Some of them have been on a confidential basis. As for those which are of a public nature, I have no objection against making them available to the committee.

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[English]

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister about bad dreams which apparently are now in the public domain. May I ask the right hon. gentleman if bad dreams have cabinet collegiality? In other words, is the cabinet permitted to watch the national news television broadcast and, if so, do 90 per cent of the cabinet share the Prime Minister's bad dreams—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Fairweather: —after hearing unemployment statistics?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**REQUEST THAT COMMITTEES NOT SIT DURING DEBATE ON INCOME TAX BILL IN HOUSE**

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the government House leader in reference to the business of the House during the income tax debate. Has he given serious consideration to seeing that none of the standing committees of the House sit during the tax debate because of the difficulty and complexity of the bill that is under consideration and which will be considered further in the committee of the whole house?