

ICNAF. In the light of the extended fisheries jurisdiction of Canada and the United States early next year and the ownership problems surrounding Georges Bank as well as St. Pierre and Miquelon, is it the minister's intention to inform the House of the outcome of the ICNAF talks and whether any of the foreign countries presently fishing on our continental shelf have refused to accept the new reduced quotas?

**Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of State (Fisheries)):** Mr. Speaker, the conference still has a full 24 hours to run. I contacted the delegation this morning, and we have attained most of the objectives with which we entered the conference. Some issues remain and possibly one or two have been delayed but there is a further meeting later this year. It really is too early to assess the general outcome of the conference. I would suggest that, generally, we are very satisfied with the progress that has been indicated and the allocation to Canada as a coastal state of a good share of the quota which we feel we needed with the advisers involved in these discussions.

#### EFFECT OF WITHDRAWAL OF UNITED STATES FROM ICNAF

**Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister inform the House what will be the effect of the withdrawal of the United States from ICNAF and is Canada assessing her own position in light of our announced intention to control the fisheries some 200 miles off our coast?

**Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of State (Fisheries)):** Mr. Speaker, the United States delegation gave notice at the beginning of the conference, as we did, that they would consider withdrawing. They felt that those quotas and regulations adopted for 1977 were not acceptable. We have said very clearly that if they were not consistent with coastal state jurisdiction we would withdraw. This is a legal matter and you have to give notice before June 30. We made it clear that we might not exercise that option to withdraw if the conference moved sufficiently in the direction we thought it should move. I should point out to the hon. member that when the full results of this meeting are known he will see that some stocks outside the 200-mile limit zone have been considered and in fact Canada did obtain quite a number of concessions for stocks beyond the 200-mile zone.

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#### FRESHWATER FISH MARKETING CORPORATION

##### POSSIBILITY OF INCREASE IN PRICE OF WHITEFISH

**Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of State (Fisheries)):** While I am on my feet and with your permission, Mr. Speaker, I should like to answer the hon. member for McKenzie in respect of a request that the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation may increase the price of one type of fish, the cutter or whitefish. This matter has been referred by the corporation to the Prices Support Board and a recommendation will be coming through in a matter of days.

#### Oral Questions

#### NATIONAL DEFENCE

##### POSSIBILITY OF PURCHASING LOCKHEED PC-3 AND EQUIPPING WITH ELECTRONIC GEAR MADE IN CANADA

**Mr. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence. It has been reported that Lockheed has put a new LRPA proposal to the Department of National Defence which would extend the delivery date of the planes by one year to 1981, and which deletes some of the more sophisticated electronic gear. As this proposal seems to have retained the most serious disadvantage of the previous Lockheed plan, large payments before any plane is produced, would the minister inform the House if he is still considering the option of purchasing an off-the-shelf PC-3 and equipping it with a largely "made in Canada" avionics package?

**Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, we are at the present time studying the proposal that has been made by Lockheed. Until the cabinet has made a decision on that proposal we will not be studying seriously other possibilities.

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#### SUPPLY AND SERVICES

##### LOCKHEED CONTRACT—INQUIRY IF APRIL PAYMENTS MADE AND HOW MUCH

**Mr. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria):** Mr. Speaker, I hesitate to ask if it is a verbal offer or not. May I direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Supply and Services? Could the minister advise the House if any payments called for in April in the signed contract tabled in the House have been made to Lockheed? If the answer is yes, how much and if not, why are we not paying up and are we liable to interest charges on these now overdue accounts?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services):** Mr. Speaker, at the end of April we had paid \$10 million and \$808,000 on May 7. We have paid those amounts in time, which means that we did not have to pay interest on amounts owing.

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#### NATIONAL DEFENCE

##### SUGGESTED DELAY IN MOVING AIRBORNE REGIMENT FROM EDMONTON

**Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence and it is in the interest of the taxpayer by saving money through not moving the Canadian Airborne Division out of Edmonton. Would the minister at least wait until after the 1978 election so that we may deal with this problem?