

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I have answered this question a few times, and the subject matter has been dealt with many, many times by the two ministers involved.

**POLLUTION****OTTAWA RIVER—ACTION FOLLOWING  
MERCURY TEST RESULTS**

**Mr. Ralph Stewart (Cochrane):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. Has the government completed tests to determine the quantity of mercury in the Ottawa River and, if so, what are the results and is there any action contemplated?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** Mr. Speaker, we have received the results of tests made in the Ottawa River which show it is marginally over the tolerable level of half of one part per million. Because the commercial fishing season is about to begin, I am today asking the responsible ministers in Ontario and Quebec who are administering the federal Fisheries Act to close the Ottawa River for commercial fishing through the summer season.

**ACTION AGAINST INDUSTRIES TO RECOVER  
FINANCIAL LOSSES**

**Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. Can the minister say whether the government has yet taken any action against any industry to recover financial losses in relation to mercury pollution in the various areas in which it has been observed?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** The answer is no, Mr. Speaker. Some of the amendments to the Fisheries Act now before a committee of this House would enable us to do that, however.

**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT****MOVING OF CONCURRENCE IN SECOND REPORT  
OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Government House Leader. When can we expect the motion for concurrence in the second report of the Standing Committee on Regional Development, which has been on the Order Paper since April 14, to be proceeded with in view of the fact that it contains an

unanimous recommendation that the committee adjourn from place to place on the east coast of Canada before the estimates go through on May 31? Quite a number of arrangements have been made for that trip.

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I anticipate having discussions with the other House Leaders with respect to the general question of travel by committees of the House during the balance of the session. I think the hon. member will recognize that it will be difficult to have more than one committee away from the House at any one time, and there have been a number of requests along these lines. I also believe there has been general agreement in that committee that the request should not be brought forward until the middle of next month.

**Mr. Speaker:** Orders of the day.

**Mr. Lundrigan:** On a point of order—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member for York North on a question of privilege.

**Mr. Danson:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege based on what I believe is a misquotation in *Hansard* at page 6346, line 42, where I am reported as having referred to:

...the end of the horse personified by the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings.

Then there appears this reply:

Mr. Hees: Oh, go back to Grade 3!

I believe that should read, "Come back to Grade 3."

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Hees:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to correct that. All members on this side of the House have passed through Grade 13 but a large number on that side are still in Grade 3.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Lundrigan:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to break through the shennanigans to raise a serious point of order. The Standing Committee on Regional Development has before the House a unanimous recommendation in its second report, and the recommendation—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. May we have order, please.

**Mr. Trudeau:** Hon. gentlemen opposite should have some respect for their own backbencher.