

supply of shrimp from the Danish vessels to allow them to process year round. Can the Minister tell this House what specific proposals and suggestions he has to maintain employment, 1,300 jobs, in these communities?

Hon. Thomas Siddon (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): I certainly can, Mr. Speaker. The decision, several years ago to develop the northern shrimp fishery off the coast of Labrador in particular, was taken to advance the opportunity and the income potential of that resource to the benefit of northern communities, both native and non-native.

Just recently we decided to introduce enterprise allocations and to increase the number of shrimp licences. This will enable Canadian fishermen in Canadian-owned vessels to catch and land shrimp at Canadian operated plants, and to end, as has long been the policy of the Government of Canada, the practice of royalty charters whereby foreign vessels take our shrimp away for nothing more than a cash payment to some particular organization. Our objective is to produce jobs to the benefit of the unions and the native people of the coast of Labrador and in northern areas of Canada.

PRACTICE OF JOINT VENTURES WITH DANISH TRAWLERS

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary is for the same Minister. In light of the fact that these co-operatives presently employ 1,300 workers who are prepared to enter joint ventures with the Danish fishing trawlers to continue these jobs, would the Minister consider this arrangement which would, in effect, Canadianize the trawlers and maintain employment for 1,300 people?

Hon. Thomas Siddon (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member is speaking of the practice of the Labrador Union Fishermens Shrimp Co. Ltd. and the Torngat Fish Producers Co-op of bringing foreign vessels in each year for several years against our policy and taking nothing more than a cash payment for their own purposes in exchange for renting the right to take a Canadian resource out of Canada and process it out of Canada.

Mr. Broadbent: That is not the question.

Mr. Rodriguez: I didn't say that.

Mr. Siddon: I know what the past practice has been. The policy has been to replace that practice with the encouragement of Canadian participation in the direct harvesting and processing of this resource. We are facilitating the kind of joint venture which the Hon. Member mentions, which will use Canadian vessels landing that resource at Canadian processing plants.

Mr. Speaker: I have to advise Hon. Members that the following question will be the last question. The Hon. Member for Saskatoon East.

Point of Order—Mr. Clark (Yellowhead)

REVENUE CANADA

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH TAX CREDIT DEFRAUDERS—REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION FROM UNITED STATES

Mr. Don Ravis (Saskatoon East): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Revenue. As he is well aware, there are a number of Canadians who have defrauded the Canadian Government of tens of millions of dollars as a result of using the scientific research tax credit. Many of these people are now living in the United States or in other countries.

Will the Minister look at having these individuals extradited from the United States? If not, will the Minister propose changes to the Income Tax Act in order that these tax dollars can be recovered?

Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the interest of the Hon. Member in this matter which is causing so much difficulty and which has given rise to so many abuses. I can tell him that in cases where our Income Tax Act does not facilitate bringing offenders before the criminal courts, we will certainly utilize the provisions of the Criminal Code, including any extradition processes which are inherent in it. These processes are sometimes difficult. We are receiving good co-operation from the RCMP and from the Department of Justice in this regard.

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POINT OF ORDER

ELUCIDATION OF ANSWER

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. An answer I gave to the Hon. Member for York Centre (Mr. Kaplan) may have left an incorrect impression. With the permission of the House, I would like to correct that impression.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Does the Hon. Secretary of State for External Affairs have the consent of the House to do so?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Clark (Yellowhead): Mr. Speaker, the position of Canada and the decision of the UN Secretariat would allow a quasi-judicial body of Israel to have access to the files. The distinction is between publishing the files and allowing quasi-judicial bodies, including of the State of Israel, to have access to them. Under that decision, such quasi-judicial bodies of Israel obviously would have access to those files.