

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

[Translation]

**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**  
DISCUSSION OF SECOND REPORT OF  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
AGRICULTURE

**Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the President of the Privy Council.

Is he in a position to tell the House if the government will allow the House to consider the second report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture before the Minister of Agriculture officially announces the dairy policy for the year 1970-71?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** As I stated last Thursday, I believe, Mr. Speaker, the government feels that the subject has already been discussed at length a few weeks ago, therefore, it does not intend to resume this debate.

**Mr. Rondeau:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Does this mean that the government intends to ignore completely the second report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Gaspé.

**FISHERIES**

OPERATION OF FOREIGN VESSELS IN  
GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE

**Mr. Alexandre Cyr (Gaspé):** Mr. Speaker, I want to put a question to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry.

Could he give confirmation of the presence of many foreign fishing boats in the Gulf of the St. Lawrence and would he say what action is being taken by his department and by the coastguard in order to drive these ships out of Canadian waters?

[English]

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** Mr. Speaker, there are foreign, commercial fishing vessels from European countries inside the Gulf of St. Lawrence. We have informed their officers and crews they are not welcome and have been in touch with their governments, through the Department of External Affairs, and told them that as well. We cannot evict them because we still have not completed our system of fisheries closing lines around Canada's east coast. Until we do we are not in a position to make sure these ships leave.

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**Mr. Cyr:** I want to ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Could the minister tell us which countries these ships belong to?

[English]

**Mr. Davis:** Mr. Speaker, France, Spain, Portugal, Norway and Denmark.

**Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova):** May I direct a supplementary question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In order to settle the struggle to control our boundaries, would the minister suggest to the government of France that it offer us St. Pierre and Miquelon in payment for the bases at Marseille and Metz in France?

## IMPLEMENTATION OF 12-MILE LIMIT

**Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore):** A supplementary question to the Minister of Fisheries. Can the minister indicate how much more time he thinks will be required to implement the 12-mile fishing limit authorized by the House in 1964?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** Mr. Speaker, we have legislation which is scheduled for this session. Once it is passed, we should be able to complete our fisheries closing lines.

**Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate):** I wish to ask the Minister of Fisheries if he has received any reports of numerous foreign vessels in Newfoundland waters and other Canadian waters inside the three-mile limit? If so, can he indicate what action has been taken?

**Mr. Davis:** Not recently, Mr. Speaker. However, as the hon. member knows, the treaty rights which France, for example, enjoys and have not as yet been phased out, enables their fishing vessels to come right up to our shore.

**Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** As was mentioned before in a supplementary question to the Minister of Fisheries, legislation passed by this House over six years ago gives the government the authority to police the waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence where, as the minister has admitted, foreign vessels are carrying on fishing operations. Why can the minister not use his authority to clear the fishing grounds?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Skeena.