

*Inquiries of the Ministry***EXTERNAL AID****INDIA—CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION
FOR POPULATION CONTROL**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. W. Prittie (Burnaby-Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs, and I gave him notice of it. During the visit to Ottawa last week of the minister of health and family planning of India did he make a request, formally or informally, for a Canadian contribution to India's population control program?

Hon. Paul Martin (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the minister from India visited the external aid officials. I have not had a report from them but when I get it I shall be glad to discuss it with my hon. friend.

FISHERIES**APPLICATION OF LAW RESPECTING
STRAIGHT BASE LINES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Acting Prime Minister. Knowing how he likes to hew to the law of the land and maintain it to the letter, may I ask him when he will adhere to the law of the land with respect to the declaration of straight base lines which parliament passed some years ago?

Hon. Paul Martin (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, as my hon. friend knows, we have already begun the process of marking straight base lines and there will be further progress in this regard. This is a matter that must be carried out in a way that will observe the alleged rights of other countries. We are observing these so as not to defeat the purposes which my hon. friend and I both have in our minds.

Mr. Howard: I thought the government recognized those rights some time ago—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**POSSIBILITY OF PASSING AMENDMENTS
AT CURRENT SESSION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Labour. My question relates to the amendments to the Unemployment Insurance Act.

[Mr. Speaker.]

ance Act forecast in the resolution which was introduced today. Is it the intention of the government that these amendments should be considered and the bill passed during the course of the present session?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, in reply to that question I can say that that is the government's present intention since this is an item of high priority.

BROADCASTING**IMPLEMENTATION OF CANADIAN POLICY**

The house resumed, from Thursday, December 21, consideration in committee of Bill No. C-163, to implement a broadcasting policy for Canada, to amend the Radio Act in consequence thereof and to enact other consequential and related provisions—Miss LaMarsh—Mr. Batten in the chair.

The Chairman: When the committee rose on Thursday, December 21, clause 2 of the bill was under consideration together with an amendment thereto proposed by the hon. member for Lapointe.

On clause 2—*Broadcasting policy for Canada.*

Mr. Sherman: Mr. Chairman, shortly before the house recessed for Christmas on December 21 I was making some remarks about this proposed legislation. Since then the leadership contest has, of course, been resolved—not the leadership contest within the government but the contest for the leadership of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation—with the appointment last week of Dr. Davidson and Mr. Picard as the chief executive and operating officers of the corporation. I am sure all of us who took part in the events leading up to the introduction of this proposed legislation into this chamber, as well as all who served on the broadcasting committee and are interested in broadcasting even in a peripheral way, wish the new officers every success in what will be a difficult and responsible task, especially in the context of the constitutional situation we are experiencing at this time.

I realize I have only about two minutes of my speaking time remaining at this stage in the examination of the bill. In my remarks on December 21 I drew attention to a number of provisions in the bill with which I did not find myself completely in agreement, weaknesses which I hoped could be corrected in the course of our clause by clause study. In the seconds remaining to me I should like to