

THE VOLUME OF WATER PER MONTH REMOVED FROM
LAKE MICHIGAN THROUGH THE CHICAGO SHIP CANAL

Question No. 171—**Mr. Milliken:**

For (a) 1985 (b) 1986 (c) 1987 (d) 1988 (e) 1989 to date, what is the volume of water per month removed from Lake Michigan through the Chicago Ship Canal?

Hon. Lucien Bouchard (Minister of the Environment): The Chicago Diversion, initiated in 1848, removes water from Lake Michigan at Chicago for the purposes of domestic, sanitary, navigation and hydro-electric power in the Illinois Waterway. The waterway connects with the upper Mississippi River. Diversion prior to 1900 averaged about 500 cubic feet per second (cfs). Upon completion of the Sanitary and Ship Canal, diversions progressively increased to a maximum of about 10,000 cfs in 1928. Due to challenges from other states (mainly Wisconsin), there have been several U.S. Supreme Court decrees issued (1922, 1925, 1930 and 1967). The 1967 decree limited the diversion to an average of 3,200 cfs effective March 1, 1970. A 1980 court amendment allows the use of a 40-year period in calculating long-term average diversion for compliance.

Lake Michigan is located entirely within the United States territory and is not considered as "boundary water" according to the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909. However, it is connected to, and flows into Lake Huron and downstream, thus affecting the rest of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River System. The present diversion rate of 3,200 cfs causes reductions in the flows in the St. Clair-Detroit River System by 1.7 percent, in the Niagara River by 1.5 percent, and in the St. Lawrence River by 1.3 percent.

The 3,200 cfs is equivalent to 7.8 billion litres per day, or 1.7 billion imperial gallons per day.

[*English*]

Mr. Cooper: I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The questions as enumerated by the hon. parliamentary secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Government Orders

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S. O. 52

ATLANTIC FISHERY

Mr. Francis G. LeBlanc (Cape Breton Highlands—Canso): Mr. Speaker, I wish to resubmit the application I made yesterday. I believe you have my notice.

Mr. Speaker: I thank the hon. member. As hon. members will know, the hon. member for Cape Breton Highlands—Canso has been rising repeatedly with requests for an emergency debate on fisheries matters in the maritimes and Newfoundland and Labrador. I am acceding to the request and I am setting the debate for eight o'clock on Monday night.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*English*]

BROADCASTING ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed from Friday, November 3, consideration of the motion of Mr. Masse that Bill C-40, an act respecting broadcasting and to amend certain acts in relation thereto and in relation to radiocommunication be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I wish to inform the House that because of the ministerial statement, Government Orders will be extended 39 minutes. Therefore, private members' hour will begin at 2.39 p.m.

When the House rose at three o'clock p.m., Friday, November 3, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Communications had completed his speech. The question and comment period following the hon. member's speech is now available. Otherwise, the Chair is prepared to recognize other members. The hon. member for Winnipeg.

Mr. John Harvard (Winnipeg St. James): Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to take part in this debate. I consider it an important one. I must say at the beginning that I find the process extremely slow. There was a bill in the last Parliament and this bill is the successor to the one that died with the last Parliament. It did reach the House on November 3 and here it is getting close to Christmas and we are now just trying our best to finish second reading. I find the process slow and frustrating. I sometimes think