

We are all a little worried over one clause in the bill which provides:

Nothing in this Act applies to or affects

(a) any harbour, works or property under the jurisdiction of the National Harbours Board or of any harbour Commission established under any Act of Parliament;

We know what the distinction is. These are main port facilities on both coasts which are managed by special commissions or regional agencies. The clause continues:

(b) any harbour, wharf, pier or breakwater under the control and management of any member of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada other than the Minister;—

Now we are getting confused. How many other agencies are still putting their fingers in the pie? Is this really an amalgamation, or will the whole question be referred to other ministers? Are there other jurisdictions? In this regard the bill leaves us in the dark.

Then finally the clause provides:

(c) Any of the powers or duties of the Minister of Transport or the Minister of Public Works under any other Act of Parliament or regulations made pursuant thereto.

The minister tells us that small recreational and fishing harbours now come under one jurisdiction, and in the same breath he tells us through this bill that the Department of Public Works, the Department of Transport, and a whole series of other departments may also have jurisdiction; that this legislation, which is to be identified as the Fishing and Recreational Harbours Act, may not be under his jurisdiction at all as we move along and try to identify the various parts of the legislation. This leaves me, my colleagues and, I am sure, all Canadians confused as to who has responsibility in this area.

We are also confused over the fact that the minister has identified his new responsibility as having within its jurisdiction at the present time some 2,300 facilities. I would like to point out that 1,500 of those are fishing harbours and 800 are recreational facilities or installations. That does not take into account the hundreds of applications the minister and his department have received to install new facilities in some critical areas on both coasts and in inland water systems as well. What confuses us about this whole business is that we do not find any reference to the minister's new responsibilities in the estimates. He will be spending \$35 million this year. That is all we see in the estimates. Having regard to the magnitude of this department and its responsibilities, we find this figure inadequate and not at all in tune with what the minister has identified his responsibilities to be.

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Having regard to the most critical nature of this matter on both coasts, one wonders whether there is any way that the minister can address himself to the real need of inland water systems, one of which I will be making particular reference to in my remarks later on. There are many recreational facilities which receive no federal subsidies, and in fact there has been no federal involvement in them at all. We have known these

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facilities to be productive. They generate income in the national and regional interests. One wonders where the government's priorities are. We have to compare the \$35 million which was channelled into a most critical area, fisheries, with the money which is spent on Mirabel every year. We saw fit to subsidize the installation at Mirabel by \$45 million in one year. No revenue will be generated out of that white elephant. It will take away from some other airdrome which has served us well thus far.

We can also refer to the \$500 million which is being put into the CBC every year. Instead of unifying our country and achieving a form of recognition of the difficulties in various regions, we have compounded the misunderstanding with the horrendous bumbblings which this institution has perpetrated on Canadians over the last few years.

What about vital industries like fisheries and tourism? Tourism in some provinces is number one. How can we justify spending a mere \$35 million? These comparisons have to be made because \$35 million is not a very big amount in modern context. What is \$35 million in comparison to the Canadian National Railways subsidy of \$200 million a year, \$500 million to the CBC, and \$45 million to Mirabel?

This bill does not offer any comfort to our constituents on the west coast who have recently suffered a phasing out of a transportation subsidy which served 100 communities along the waterways of the west coast. My colleagues and my friends should be able to think back and realize that was a very critical issue in the House of Commons, and still is. The Minister of Transport (Mr. Lang) announced the subsidy and claimed the support of his west coast colleagues on that side of the House. He said that they all had input into this new policy which was called user-pay, and they were serving the best interests of their constituents. One of his friends immediately rectified that by saying he had nothing to do with this monster and wanted to disassociate himself from the minister's comments. That was said in the House publicly. Then there was the Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport (Mrs. Campagnolo) who could not master the emotional fitness required to carry out the threat which she issued to the Minister of Transport, namely, that she would resign from the ministry and from the House if this whole question were not reconsidered.

This bill holds out very little comfort to those people. These people will be faced with not being able to go fishing or not being able to take their friends fishing. They will also be faced with a serious situation as to the movement of vital commodities to their shores. I am referring to the small communities on the coast of British Columbia.

I would like to make reference to the situation in my own constituency. In the mid-sixties Williston Lake was created as a result of the construction of the Bennett Dam in central and northern British Columbia. We have a situation now where we have an inland water system which encompasses 680 square miles of water and 1,000 miles of shoreline. There are several native communities which were completely isolated from the mainstream of life by that new water system. These people