

## POLLUTION

CHEDABUCTO BAY—PAYMENT OF  
COMPENSATION

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East):** My question is for the Minister of Transport. Can the minister indicate now, not only to the House but to the people in the Cape Breton area, what procedure should be followed in order to make application for compensation as a result of damage from the *Arrow*?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** We are making plans in this regard at the moment. Some discussions have already been held with the fishermen in the area. My colleague the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry and I had a meeting this morning and we are trying to devise a plan first of all to discover the extent of the existing damage and consequently what steps might be taken if fisheries are adversely affected.

SOUTH COAST OF NEWFOUNDLAND—LIABILITY  
FOR OIL SPILL

**Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate):** Can the minister say whether the department has determined the liability for oil pollution on the south coast of Newfoundland, and if so will the department be taking any action accordingly?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, this oil spill is also the subject of an investigation. I think it is generally conceded it was the result of a spill from an oil barge. Whether that could be legally conceded is another question. We are now looking into it through the usual methods and through the Canada Shipping Act.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO  
GROUNDING OF "ARROW"

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, while I am on my feet may I be permitted to say that we will be holding a public inquiry into the grounding of the *Arrow*. Perhaps I had not made that clear.

SECOND VOYAGE OF "MANHATTAN"—  
REGULATIONS TO BE IMPOSED

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary or perhaps more of a related question to the Minister of Transport. Is the minister prepared to table in the House the regulations that will be

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presented to the Humble Oil Company conditional on our providing that company or their vessel with icebreakers?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. This is hardly supplementary but the question having been asked perhaps it should be answered.

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** I answered it yesterday, Mr. Speaker, and I said that I saw nothing wrong with the principle and I would be quite prepared to do it to the extent of my authority.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Will it be after the vessel's return?

## CHEDABUCTO BAY—EXTENT OF LIABILITY

**Mr. H. Russell MacEwan (Central Nova):** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of reports that the clean-up in Chedabucto Bay is costing around \$50,000 a day, does the federal government believe that its liability is limited only to the amount which would be paid by the pool of ship operators?

**Mr. Speaker:** I doubt whether that question is in order. The hon. member is asking the government to express a legal opinion in specifically these terms. I doubt whether that would be acceptable procedure. The hon. member for Halifax-East Hants on a supplementary.

NATURE OF INQUIRY INTO GROUNDING OF  
"ARROW"—PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION

**Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question to the Minister of Transport involves the public inquiry into the grounding of the *Arrow*. Can the minister say whether the inquiry will be conducted by somebody completely divorced from his own department and the oil industry and, second, how generous are the terms for the inquiry?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, it will be conducted by a judge; I have not the name of the gentleman as yet but he will probably be a maritime judge. I agree with the hon. member that that guarantees fairness in the matter. Of course it will be a public inquiry and I have arranged that the terms of reference shall include the Canada Shipping Act, which has to do with the actual grounding of the vessel, and I am also arranging to have his appointment covered under the Inquiries Act so that he can extend the scope of it to cover all subsequent events.