

concerned, the list is of little relevance because we make decisions based on the background of the individuals involved and the advice we get from the Security Service on those individuals.

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## FINANCE

### EXTENSION OF HOUSING TAX BENEFITS

**Mrs. Ursula Appolloni (York South-Weston):** Madam Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Finance. I refer to the announcement that the restrictions on soft costs rules and the undue delay test as they apply to multiple unit residential buildings, or MURBs, will not take effect until after December 31 of this year. Can the Minister indicate what effect this is likely to have on the construction industry?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Finance):** Madam Speaker, I was pleased to announce yesterday that the undue delay test and the soft costs provisions for MURBs have been extended to January 1, 1983. I am advised that there is between \$400 million and \$500 million worth of construction projects that have been held in abeyance and I would hope that, following this decision and following the recent decline in interests rates, we will see those projects proceeding now and giving needed stimulus to the construction industry and that indeed this figure of \$400 million to \$500 million will be realized in the course of the next year, thanks to the changes that have taken place.

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## FISHERIES

### MINISTER'S POSITION ON PEARSE COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

**Mr. Ted Miller (Nanaimo-Alberni):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. At a well-attended conference at the University of Victoria on the Pearse Report this past weekend, there was unanimous opposition to the licensing program advised by Dr. Pearse. There was equally unanimous opposition to the present advisory council procedures in the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

In view of the necessity of co-operation, if there are changes going to be made in the fishing industry, is the Minister prepared to listen to the advice of the industry to make the Department more accountable to some of the advisory councils that the Minister appoints, and will the Minister take immediate action to look at some of the recommendations of Dr. Pearse which call for a specific fisheries council to be formulated?

## Oral Questions

[Translation]

**Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans):** Madam Speaker, it is a pleasure for me to inform the Hon. Member that I will be on the Pacific Coast starting Friday of this week and will be meeting the various parties concerned. If the Hon. Member is correct in saying that there is great unanimity among the various parties, obviously this would simplify my task enormously, and I fully intend to listen very carefully to all representations that will be made to us at this first meeting I shall be having with the parties concerned.

[English]

### METHOD OF APPOINTMENT TO PROPOSED FISHERIES COUNCIL

**Mr. Ted Miller (Nanaimo-Alberni):** The Minister will be aware that Dr. Pearse has recommended a council which would be appointed by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. The industry is not satisfied with that kind of a board. The present board acts in that way and simply is a rubber stamp for what the Department of Fisheries and Oceans imposes.

Would the Minister seriously consider, if indeed he does decide to have a fisheries council, having that council selected by industry and the various aspects of that industry, and have the Department of Fisheries and Oceans more accountable to that council? Also, would he provide for that fisheries council free access to the Minister so they can give him some direct advice rather than going through the Department?

**Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans):** Madam Speaker, I am open to all the suggestions that will be made to me, but ultimately I am the person accountable, not to Mr. So-and-So, representative of that particular segment, but I am accountable to you as Member of Parliament in this Chamber.

### METHOD OF IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS

**Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock-North Delta):** Madam Speaker, may I direct my supplementary to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. Would he then deny that the Department has any intention of implementing provisions of the Pearse Report by Order in Council before Christmas?

**Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans):** Madam Speaker, I am at the moment studying each of those recommendations with my officials. As you know, they are very numerous. Some of them are far-reaching, others are revolutionary, and I would not be able at this time to make a definite answer. We are still in the process of assessing each of those recommendations. The meeting that I will be having this weekend on the Pacific Coast has precisely as one of its objectives to get the reaction to this Report of the different parties involved.