Inquiries of the Ministry

the Lake Erie fishing industry still in a rather chaotic condition as a result of the extremely low prices paid for fish, has the minister given consideration to stabilizing the price through the federal stabilization board? If so, when may we expect an announcement on the decision made?

Hon. H. J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries): Representations have been made by the industry, and the officials of the fisheries prices support board are now completing an investigation. They are expected to report to the board very shortly.

B.C. SALMON—REQUEST FOR REPORT ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH U.S.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries, and I ask it now inasmuch as tomorrow in Seattle, Washington, another meeting will open relating to problems of joint concern to Canada and the United States. I ask the minister whether any proposal has been made to the United States that Canada will desist from salmon net fishing operations on Juan de Fuca strait if the United States will cease and desist from net fishing British Columbia bound salmon through Alaska waters.

Hon. H. J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries): The position being taken by Canada is well known. It will be the same position that was taken in Ottawa in February and at the previous meeting which was held in Washington last fall.

Mr. Howard: I wonder if the minister would mind answering the question I put to him, namely, did Canada offer to cease net salmon fishing in Juan de Fuca strait in return for the United States ceasing fishing home bound British Columbia salmon in Alaskan waters?

Mr. Robichaud: The details of the position taken by Canada will be known at the meeting that will open tomorrow in Seattle. I have nothing to add to what was reported following the meeting held in Ottawa early in February.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR REPORT ON WORK OF MEDIATOR

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question

to the Prime Minister supplementary to the question I asked him on Friday morning. At that time I asked if he would have consultations with Mr. Keate and get a report on the results of his efforts in connection with the dispute between management and producers of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. In view of the fact that Mr. Keate has gone back to Vancouver, and in view of what we read in the press, I wonder if the Prime Minister could now make a statement to the house on what Mr. Keate has reported to him.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): He has only reported to me he has gone back to British Columbia so he can write his report in calm and peace. He is working on it there and expects, I understand, to have it in my hands next week.

[*Translation*]

REFUSAL OF PREMIER TO APPEAR

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis): Mr. Speaker, may I put a question to the hon. Secretary of State?

Does the hon. minister know why the premier of the province of Quebec should have refused to participate in the broadcasts "Sel de la semaine" and "Rencontres" which are organized, prepared and produced by the public affairs section of the C.B.C.?

Mr. Speaker: This question is out of order.

[*English*]

VETERANS AFFAIRS

INQUIRY AS TO LEGISLATON THIS SESSION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Jack McIntosh (Swift Current-Maple Creek): I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs. Will the minister inform the house whether it is his intention to present any legislation concerning veterans affairs at this session, particularly with regard to the deletion of the 365 day section of the War Veterans Allowance Act?

Hon. Roger Teillet (Minister of Veterans Affairs): I indicated earlier in answer to a question of this kind that I am waiting for the report of the Wood committee before I decide on what legislation can be introduced. Until I have that before me to decide what bearing it may have on other legislation, it is difficult to reach a conclusion.