

Inquiries of the Ministry

the moment. We are making efforts to try to bring this about. The results of the inquiry have been communicated to the industry.

• (1510)

POSSIBLE SALE OR RENTAL OF MINI-TYPE SUBMARINE
TO SOVIET UNION—SECURITY CLEARANCE

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): My question is for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Can the minister advise the House whether the inter-departmental committee that, to the best of my information, went to the United States this week to renegotiate the terms under which Canada might be able to sell or lease the Pisces to the Soviet Union met with any success or whether the further application by his department was turned down by the Americans?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I have not yet received a report of the meeting which I understand took place yesterday. The purpose of the meeting was to determine whether some of the instruments in the said submersible that are produced in the United States would obtain an export permit. It is quite normal to consult with the Americans in order to determine if a permit will be allowed in order to decide how the Pisces IV will be used for research purposes.

[Later:]

Mr. Speaker: I apologize to the hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax East. He had a supplementary which he might be allowed to ask now.

Mr. Forrestall: I have a short supplementary to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. I ask the minister whether I can draw the inference from what he has said that there is no longer a question of security or of keeping secure certain information or other aspects of this deep-water submersible? Is that now no longer a consideration?

Mr. Pepin: Mr. Speaker, the answer might be along the following lines. We are very interested in co-operating in research in oceanography with other countries of the world. In order to do so, and use that particular ship, we have to develop a procedure by which this ship can be used jointly by Canadian and foreign authorities. In order to do that, we have to make sure there is no impediment to the use of the instruments on the said submersible and, in order to do that, we must have approval from the United States to import them into Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

DISPUTE WITH NABET—REQUEST THAT CBC ENGAGE IN
MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): My question is directed to the Secretary of State. It concerns the strike or lockout of NABET and the problems between NABET and the CBC. Yesterday in Montreal there was a lockout

[Mr. Pepin.]

that involved 700 people in television and radio. Does the minister intend to use his good offices to persuade the CBC to participate in more meaningful negotiations with the union?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I follow the events very closely and I ask for reports from the CBC. But my way of thinking differs from that of the hon. member. I think the CBC management are not solely responsible if no significant negotiations have as yet been undertaken.

[English]

DISPUTE WITH NABET—INQUIRY AS TO COST TO
CANADIANS

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): A supplementary question. As a result of his investigations, is the minister yet in a position to say how much this labour difficulty between the CBC and NABET has cost the people of Canada to date?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I am not aware of the exact figures, Mr. Speaker, but I might be able to get them.

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[English]

AGRICULTURE

INQUIRY AS TO OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS HELD AT
QUARANTINE STATIONS

Mr. Cliff Downey (Battle River): My question is to the Minister of Agriculture. It concerns cattle coming into Canada under authorization of the health of animals branch of the Department of Agriculture. I ask the minister whether at the time of entry into the quarantine stations in the gulf islands all animals have been held under permit by some Canadian individual or corporation?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): I am sorry, Mr. Speaker. I did not hear the first part of the question.

Mr. Downey: I apologize for disturbing the minister. With reference to animals coming into the quarantine stations in the gulf islands under the authorization of the health of animals branch, at the time of entry into the quarantine stations have all animals been held under permit by some Canadian individual or corporation?

Mr. Olson: Yes, Mr. Speaker, except for the very few brought in by the Canadian Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Downey: A supplementary question.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Battle River on a supplementary question and then the hon. member for Marquette. We will then have reached or gone beyond the time reserved for the question period.

Mr. Downey: I am sure the minister has answered my question accurately within the scope of the knowledge of