

Supply—Fisheries

Soviet union is interested in halibut and undoubtedly, in salmon fisheries on our side of the ocean, could the minister indicate whether he discussed this matter with any of the Soviet officials? Did he gain any impression from talking to them that there was a possibility of their entering the treaty, if they were invited? What are the prospects of putting into effect that which the minister so earnestly embraced in 1962 or 1963?

Mr. Robichaud: I am glad the hon. member has mentioned vote 5. On page 171 of the blue book he will see that \$10,000 was voted last year for the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, and that this year the figure had been raised to \$20,000 for the full year, the figure for last year being for half a year only.

Yes, I did discuss the North Pacific treaty with the minister of fisheries of the U.S.S.R. He expressed the views of his government. It is not a matter for the government of Canada to invite the U.S.S.R. to participate in the North Pacific treaty. It is a tripartite treaty comprising Japan, the United States and Canada and it would be up to those three countries to invite the U.S.S.R. to participate if it were considered advisable.

I certainly acquired much information from my discussion with officials of the government of the U.S.S.R. and from their minister of fisheries relating to their policy and their position in this regard. I must say that we did not come to any conclusive decision. I expect to bring this matter up again during Mr. Ishkov's visit to Canada, sometime in the next few weeks. Nevertheless I gather that under the present form or application of the North Pacific treaty the U.S.S.R. will not be interested in participating.

Item agreed to.

The Chairman: Shall vote 10 carry?

10. Construction or acquisition of buildings, works, land and equipment, including acquisition of land for the international pacific salmon fisheries commission, as required by article VIII of the convention, \$5,339,000.

Item agreed to.

15. Grants, contributions and subsidies in the amounts and subject to the terms specified in the sub-vote titles listed in the details of estimates, \$4,130,000.

Mr. Howard: I have a brief question on vote 15. On page 176 an amount of \$750,000 is listed for financial assistance in the construction and equipment of facilities for the storage of frozen fishery products. Included in that

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amount is money for the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association?

Mr. Robichaud: As soon as the regulations were approved we notified the Prince Rupert co-operative and they are free to apply now. I am not sure if their application has been forwarded; it has not been laid on my desk yet. If they do apply I assure the hon. member that they will receive full consideration.

Item agreed to.

(The following items were agreed to:)

Fisheries research board of Canada—

20. Administration, operation and maintenance, including an amount of \$410,000 for grants for fisheries research and for scholarships and authority to provide free accommodation for the international north pacific fisheries commission, \$10,929,000.

25. Construction or acquisition of buildings, works, land and equipment, \$3,900,000.

The Chairman: This completes the main estimates of the Department of Fisheries.

Mr. Robichaud: Mr. Chairman, may I thank hon. members for their co-operation in passing these estimates of the Department of Fisheries.

Resolutions adopted in committee of supply this day reported and concurred in.

• (10:00 p.m.)

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. MacLean (Queens): Perhaps the acting house leader could assure us that the business for tomorrow will be the same as was announced last Thursday? I presume that if the budget debate is adjourned before the day ends, the estimates of the Department of the Solicitor General will be opened up.

Mr. Winters: Correct.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

A motion to adjourn the house under provisional standing order 39A deemed to have been moved.

INDUSTRY—NICKEL—POSSIBLE RESTRICTION ON AMOUNT AVAILABLE IN CANADA

Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo South): Today might be a most appropriate day on which to raise the question of nickel, since the Minister of Finance (Mr. Sharp) has indicated there is to be a change in the content in the coinage of the realm. It is appropriate because there is some question of whether there is enough nickel to fulfil this particular requirement.