

Inquiries of the Ministry

on the right of lobster fishermen to fish when and how they see fit.

Conservation in the fishing industry is of paramount importance, and exploitation of any fishery resource may only be allowed within the bounds permitted by conservation. The minister indicated that he thought it wise to warn lobster fishermen as far in advance as possible that there would be a curtailment of the numbers of lobster traps which could be used within the next couple of years. Warning the fishermen as far in advance as possible was a commendable action.

Some years ago Dr. Sol Sinclair of Manitoba undertook an extensive examination into the prospect of limiting licences of certain fisheries on the west coast. While the lobster fishery on the west coast is not what it should be at the moment there is an expectation, because of transplanting of lobsters, that this resource may be expanded and developed. Dr. Sinclair's report dealt with limiting licences on the west coast. I hope, in one sense, that the minister's statement about limiting traps in the lobster industry is not a prelude to a proposal to limit licences with respect to lobster fishing on the west coast. Other measures, we feel, could be undertaken far more sensibly, namely the proposition to expand the fishing fleet, thereby allowing fishermen to travel farther in their quest for different sorts of fish.

SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS ACT**AMENDMENT TO DEFINE EXPRESSION
"PUBLIC OR OFFICIAL BUSINESS"**

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-181, to amend the Senate and House of Commons Act (days of attendance).

He said: The purpose of this bill is to define the expression "public or official business" appearing in section 36 of the Senate and House of Commons Act so as to allow members of parliament to execute with a clear conscience the necessary affidavit of attendance each month.

"Public or official business" is restricted to work of a member as representative or work related to the matters coming within the jurisdiction of the parliament of Canada. This subsection means that any time spent on private or professional business or on any recreational activity will not be considered as public or official business.

[Mr. Howard.]

This amendment will require the redrafting of the present antique statutory declaration on attendance as it does not conform to the present act or the proposed amendment.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

**CANADIAN BROADCASTING
CORPORATION****RESIGNATION OF ACADIA UNIVERSITY
PRESIDENT AS DIRECTOR**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Royal): I have a question for the Secretary of State. Has the hon. lady received word of the resignation of the distinguished president of Acadia University, Dr. J. M. R. Beveridge, as a director of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and have any other directors indicated their intention to resign?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): I think Dr. Beveridge indicated six months or a year ago that he was desirous of resigning and maybe he has done so.

**REQUEST FOR GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON
COMPETENCE OF ADMINISTRATION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): I wish to direct a question to the Acting Prime Minister with reference to a statement made on national television last night by the Prime Minister, who said he had congratulated Mr. Ouimet, president of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, on the work of that organization and thanked him in the course of an interview for the great services he had rendered.

In view of a statement by the Secretary of State during a previous broadcast that there had been "rotten management" in the C.B.C., I want to ask the Acting Prime Minister whether there is a divergence of views within the cabinet with respect to the competence of the administration of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I do not think it is in order to ask the question the hon. member has just posed in that form. He asked whether there is a divergence of views within the cabinet and I do not think such a question is acceptable.

Mr. Douglas: Then may I ask the Acting Prime Minister what is the government's view with respect to administrative competence within the C.B.C.?