

Mr. Clark: I suppose you will answer today's question tomorrow.

● (1452)

Mrs. Campagnolo: The principal difference is that with the new game, players can select their own numbers through an operative. They will not operate the terminal machines. I will not, therefore, in any sense be running a jackpot, and I will be requesting—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mrs. Campagnolo: Loto Canada prizes are assured prizes, not like those—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member for High Park-Humber Valley.

GOVERNMENT POLICY ON GAMBLING

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, it is obvious that this minister is falling into line with the rest of the cabinet in not answering the questions she is asked. Therefore, I would like to put my supplementary question to the Prime Minister. Because of the fact that the government has apparently gone ahead with plans not only to expand but also to extend the federal lottery beyond the end of 1979 and because, on the other hand, the Minister of Agriculture has on a number of occasions made it very clear that he is opposed to off-track betting because it would expand federal gambling operations in Canada, could the Prime Minister explain to the House the obvious inconsistency in the government's policy regarding gambling in Canada?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, with regard to gambling, I explained to the House yesterday that several years ago this government moved an amendment to the Criminal Code making lotteries possible.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): That was a mistake.

Mr. Trudeau: Some hon. members still oppose it, but it seems to me unbecoming of the Tory party to talk of inconsistencies. Just yesterday the hon. member's leader was arguing that gambling should continue, to use his words, but he thinks it should be done by the provinces rather than by the federal government. I wish they would make up their minds.

Oral Questions

[Translation]

FISHERIES

REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF HERRING FISHING PERMITS TO "NADINE" AND "RALLI II"

Mr. Albert Béchard (Bonaventure-Îles-de-la-Madeleine): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries and the Environment.

Considering that the fish processing plant of the Pêcheries du Golfe Saint-Laurent Inc. at Paspébiac in my riding had to close its doors about three days ago because of insufficient supplies, which contributes to an unacceptable lay-off in an area where the unemployment level is always higher than elsewhere, and considering that it is impossible so late in the fishing season for the company to obtain the French fishing boat *Victoria*, as was the case last year, is the minister prepared to entertain favourably the request of the Pêcheries du Golfe Saint-Laurent Inc. for two general herring fishing permits for two of their boats, namely the *Nadine* and the *Ralli II*, and if not, why not?

Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of Fisheries and the Environment): Mr. Speaker, I regret I did not receive notice of the question, because I could have checked what was, in fact, the state of those supplies.

I shall consider this question and answer the hon. member later.

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[English]

ATOMIC ENERGY CONTROL BOARD

REPORTED DEFICIENCY IN SAFETY FEATURES OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

Mr. Allan Lawrence (Northumberland-Durham): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. In view of the belated announcement this morning by the Atomic Energy Control Board, for which the minister is still responsible, that on April 21, 1977, it issued secret orders and secret directives which grossly inhibit and restrict the potential power capacity in most of Ontario's nuclear power plants due to defects in emergency safety procedures, perhaps even design defects, and in spite of the continuing contradictory statements of the minister and the agencies under his control, when did the minister first find out about these secret orders?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I have been in touch with the Atomic Energy Control Board. The board has been reviewing the information which has been made public. I referred yesterday in an answer to the extensive information I made public in the House last fall and the further information which was placed on the public record, through cross-examination, by Dr.