

Oral Questions

definition of the act, that is the result. Of course, following that result the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, who shares with me great concern in this matter, is looking at what steps we ought to take.

Mr. Rowland: Mr. Speaker, my supplementary is directed to the Minister of Finance. I am not sure whether it should be directed to the Minister of Finance or the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. It relates to the Small Loans Act. Is the government contemplating amendments to the Small Loans Act which would bring within its ambit this kind of transaction which is essentially a lending operation?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Yes, Mr. Speaker, this is being examined.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**CHARGE BY UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL THAT CANADA ENGAGED IN BRAIN DRAIN OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES—GOVERNMENT POSITION**

Mr. Douglas Roche (Edmonton-Strathcona): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. How does the government intend to respond to UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's charge that Canada is among those developed nations engaged in a brain drain of developing countries by which we promote the migration of physicians, engineers and scientists from the countries most in need of these educated leaders?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I would deny it.

Mr. Crouse: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps the hon. member would allow the hon. member for Edmonton-Strathcona to pursue his supplementary. We are almost at the end of the question period. The hon. member for Edmonton-Strathcona.

Mr. Roche: Having in mind that this charge was carried in the *New York Times* Sunday edition, I should like to ask if the government intends to relax its now stringent regulations, recently announced, insisting that prospective immigrants have jobs before entering Canada, thereby tying immigration to manpower in precisely the way criticized by the UN Secretary General.

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I want to make it quite clear I was not denying the fact that the statement had been made. I was denying the allegation.

ACTION TO GET UNITED STATES TO OBSERVE ICNAF FISHING REGULATIONS

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the difficulties that have occurred between Canada and the United States over the implementation of the International Commission for the

[Mr. Lang.]

North Atlantic Fishery regulations, has the minister taken any steps to bring order out of the chaos that exists in fishing laws, especially as they apply between Canada and the United States and, if so, what action has he taken?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I would deny there is any chaos in the relations between Canada and the United States in respect of fishing. My colleague, the Minister of Fisheries, has done an admirable job in protecting the interests of Canada and I expect he will continue to do so.

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CAPE BRETON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**ALLEGED USE IN COURTS OF DOCUMENTS HAVING NO LEGAL STATUS**

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Based on the delay by the minister of law in providing me with an answer in that he has not told me anything, and I assume he knows nothing, I would ask the Prime Minister if he would investigate why the Cape Breton Development Corporation has used documents in the courts which have no legal status?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I will investigate, Mr. Speaker, whether the hon. member is bringing up any new allegation. I think he has talked about this as long as I have been around and I think the Minister of Justice and other ministers have replied to him. I will look into it to see if the allegation has any new facts to present.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, would the Prime Minister talk to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion when he returns to the House and ask the minister what is the legal status of the agreement signed by the federal and provincial governments on June 13, 1967? From there he will get his answer and he will know very well that Devco has been using documents that do not have legal status. Will he then refer this to the minister of law, not the Minister of Justice who does not know the meaning of the word?

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**EFFECT OF GARRISON DAM PROJECT ON MANITOBA—GOVERNMENT STUDIES—POSSIBLE REFERENCE TO INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION**

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of the Environment. Has the government done any environmental studies of the impact on Manitoba of the proposed Garrison dam project, and if the government has done independent studies on its own, will he at this time tell the House what is the outcome of these studies?