

and to report to the House by a predetermined date, that is by December 16, 1974.

As concerns the Food Prices Review Board which I mentioned a moment ago, I would like to say that I have examined carefully the research that has been made and the exact complaints made by consumers which justified the need for a report by the board. After all that reading I came to the conclusion that the Farm Products Marketing Act in Canada with which we first experienced in the area of eggs did not give results that were really encouraging. So, to avoid such spectacular results in other areas, discouragement and the dropping of that legislation, something just had to be done.

I remember quite well, Madam Speaker, that when CEMA was established following the passage of Bill C-176 representations were made that that agency included only producers, people interested in the area of production, and they had neglected for reasons I ignore to appoint representatives from the consumer side as well when the minister under that act had the power to appoint two or three members on that agency as consumer representatives. Even if there had been two members from the consumer side, would we really have had better results? That is a question that may be asked.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin):** Order. I regret to interrupt the hon. member, but it is five o'clock.

## PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin):** It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for York-Simcoe (Mr. Stevens)—Finance—Amount of tax liability reduction in 1975 due to indexing; the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles)—Canadian National Railways—Company's intentions respecting escalation of pensions of persons already retired; the hon. member for High Park-Humber Valley (Mr. Jelinek)—Public Service—Proposal government deal with unions representing single sectors of economy—Government position on establishing labour relations council.

● (1700)

It being five o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely, notices of motions, public bills.

**Mr. Lefebvre:** Madam Speaker, on a point of order, there was some talk that perhaps we would dispense with private members' hour today. However, I understand that the hon. member for Cumberland-Colchester North (Mr.

### *Fundy Tidal Power*

Coates) wishes to go ahead with his private member's notice of motion No. 30.

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

[English]

### ENERGY

SUGGESTION GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKE FURTHER STUDY ON  
HARNESSING BAY OF FUNDY TIDAL POWER

**Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland-Colchester North)** moved:

That, in the opinion of this House, the government should give immediate consideration to the undertaking of any further investigations required to develop the information necessary to undertake construction of the dams that will harness the tides of the Bay of Fundy for power, in partnership with the governments of the province of Nova Scotia and of the province of New Brunswick, and using the Canada Development Corporation as the agency for financing the undertaking.

He said: Madam Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to enter this debate today to discuss a matter that could not be more appropriate at this time than the development of alternate sources of energy which would materially assist in the overcoming of the anticipated shortfalls in energy which may face the Atlantic area of Canada. I am pleased indeed to see that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance (Mr. Cullen) is in the House, for he has indicated in past debates on this matter that all the support for an undertaking of this type does not come only from Atlantic Canada but that even Ontario is willing to join us in endeavouring to undertake the development of what might be considered a rather visionary type of new energy source that would be of value and benefit to the nation as a whole.

Let me say, first of all, that it is hard to find today a type of development in the field of energy resources that would produce power that is both pollution free and inflation free. Yet that is exactly the situation that exists in so far as tidal power is concerned. We in Atlantic Canada are most fortunate in that while for some time in our history it appeared that there was no way of developing the resources we had that would be useful not only to our area but to the nation as a whole, it has been discovered that many of these possibilities are becoming probabilities and some of them are very close to becoming realities.

It pleased me greatly to learn that the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Macdonald) recently announced the development of further grid systems that will provide the means whereby power can be transferred from the Churchill River in Newfoundland to the province of Quebec as the result of improvements in the grid system in the area of Atlantic Canada, as well as the fact that initiatives will be taken to produce a cable that will go underwater between Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island to link Prince Edward Island to a grid system that will be part of our power program in the maritime provinces. It is also an indication that if we are to undertake something as substantial as the development