

Inquiries of the Ministry

have here demonstrate that physically it can be done. As is normally said by the Creditists, that which is physically possible can also be politically or materially achieved.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIVISION—POLITICAL AFFILIATION OF THOSE EMPLOYED**

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State. In light of the minister's confirmation of a strong bias favouring the Liberal party in public affairs programming of the C.B.C., will the minister advise whether any record is kept of the political party affiliation—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Paproski: —of persons permanently or frequently employed in the public affairs division of the C.B.C. or of Radio Canada?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question is not in order because it contains an allegation. The hon. member knows that a question in those terms is not acceptable.

Mr. Paproski: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

FISHERIES**COHOE SALMON—BANNING OF OPERATION IN STRAIT OF GEORGIA**

Mr. T. S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries arising from a question asked the minister last Wednesday by the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands. Have there been any further developments since last Wednesday in connection with the closure of salmon fishing to commercial fishermen in the Strait of Georgia?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): There are no new developments, Mr. Speaker. Fishing is closed for the weekend for commercial salmon fishermen, but not sports fishermen.

Mr. Barnett: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Has the minister under consideration, in view of the fact commercial fishermen cannot operate on weekends, closing sports fishing from Monday to Friday when the commercial fishermen are allowed to fish?

[Mr. Pepin.]

Mr. Davis: It is well known that the commercial fishermen catch 90 per cent or more of the fish. At this stage of the year we do not know how many fish are coming in; therefore we are going slow with respect to the catch.

INDUSTRY**FINE PAPERS—EFFECT OF TARIFF REDUCTIONS**

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of the rising unemployment in the fine papers industry, especially in areas of the province of Quebec which have been designated as regions of underemployment, is the government reconsidering the tariff cuts affecting this industry, or are any special arrangements contemplated to alleviate the situation?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I will not deny that the advanced cuts have caused some preoccupation in the fine papers industry. I have been so informed, and I agree this is so.

There is quite an intensive study being carried out by my department with regard to the fine papers industry. This study tends to show that Kennedy round cuts are only one of many factors causing the difficulties of the industry at the present time and not the most important. My department is cooperating fully with that industry in order to find some solution to their difficulties.

Mr. Harkness: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. In view of the fact that the tariff cuts affecting the fine papers industry are forcing delays and abandonment of the long-range capital expenditure programs which the industry had planned in order to increase its efficiency and competitiveness to be able to meet the reduction in tariffs which they expected would take place in 1972, is the minister pressing his colleague, the Minister of Finance, to take steps to postpone the coming into effect of these reductions?

Mr. Pepin: I was under the impression the industry was very keen to get to the root of the problems it faces, right away. Would delay on the Kennedy round exemption acceleration help that to any substantial extent? I'll inquire.

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, since one of the roots of the difficulties is sitting immediately behind the Minister of Industry, Trade and