

expeditious way to proceed with these five votes would be to call the first vote 25, but that the three responsible officials come and sit at the table here because there may be questions on the whole area that could be asked at the same time, and so that we perhaps might, by doing it this way, deal with these five votes together as a group. I do not have any list from the last meeting. We have heard Dr. Harrison's statement. Is it your wish now to question or would you like to carry these votes? Are there any questions of the officials?

## DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND TECHNICAL SURVEYS

25. Marine Surveys and Research Administration, Operation and Maintenance including Canada's fee for membership in the International Hydrographic Bureau, \$9,181,200.

Mr. FULTON: Mr. Chairman, in the House, about March 21, I received a return to a question I asked about how many branches or agencies the federal government, including crown companies, are engaged in the study and/or the control of the pollution, use, or disposition of the waters of Canada with respect to certain water, rivers and lakes, as distinguished from the ocean and sea. The consolidated return shows that there are fifteen such agencies, and they are listed as the Marine Sciences Branch, that is one; two, Water Research Branch, and three, Water Resources Branch, all of the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys; four, Atomic Energy Control Board, which reports to the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys; and five, the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration that reports to the Minister of Agriculture; six, Department of Fisheries, and seven, the Fisheries Research Board of Canada, also the Minister of Fisheries; eight, the Forestry Branch that reports to the Department of Forestry; nine, the National Research Council which reports to the Committee of the Privy Council, on Scientific and Industrial Research; ten, the Public Health Engineering Division; and eleven, the Radiation Protection Division, both operate under the Department of National Health and Welfare; twelve, the Canadian Wildlife Service, operating under the Migratory Birds Convention Act; thirteen, the National Parks Service, both reporting to the Department of Northern Affairs and National resources; fourteen, the Atlantic Development Board and fifteen, the Marine Regulations Branch of the Department of Transport, both reporting to the Minister of Transport.

● (11.15 a.m.)

There are, I think, one or two agencies not listed. There is the International Joint Commission. I realize that it is not a branch or agency of a department of the government. Out of the fifteen that are listed, four only report to the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys, or Energy, Mines and Resources, as he is to be. I would like to ask Mr. Patterson, therefore, whether any further co-ordination or consolidation between these various agencies is planned?

Mr. J. W. PATTERSON (*Department of Industry*): Mr. Chairman, I think with respect to pollution matters and the plans for co-ordination of studies on pollution, that the question might be better directed to Dr. Prince, who is co-ordinating pollution activities in our Department.