

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Chairman, I think it should be pointed out that this once happened under the Liberals, too.

**Mr. Stick:** You can rest assured there will be no chance of having it happen under the C.C.F.

**Mr. Herridge:** A Social Credit member was speaking, though.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Can the Minister of Fisheries not produce an electric eel?

**Some hon. Members:** Page the hon. member for Vancouver East, the electrician.

**The Acting Chairman (Mr. Rea):** Order. May I rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again at the next sitting of the house or later this day, whichever the case may be?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.  
Progress reported.

SITTING SUSPENDED

**Mr. Green:** Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether the Department of Public Works is to blame for this tragedy this afternoon.

**Mr. Hodgson:** They might as well take the blame. They are blamed for everything else.

**Mr. Green:** I think it is the Ottawa hydro.

**Mr. Chevrier:** Oh, no; well, that is a Tory organization.

**Mr. Green:** However, it has been agreed by the representatives of the parties that we should suspend the sitting until 4.30 and if by then the lights are not on we will consider the house as adjourned until Monday.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it agreed that the sitting shall be suspended until 4.30 today or, if the lights are not then restored, it shall be taken as adjourned until Monday at 2.30 p.m.?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

At 3.50 p.m. the sitting was suspended until 4.30 p.m. this day.

SITTING RESUMED

The house resumed at 4.30 p.m.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, the house will resume the business which was interrupted earlier today.

SUPPLY

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Rea in the chair.

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

139. Departmental administration, \$319,700.

**The Acting Chairman (Mr. Rea):** The hon. member for New Westminster.

**Mr. Morris:** I wonder if I might interrupt the hon. member on a question of privilege?

**The Acting Chairman (Mr. Rea):** Will the hon. member for New Westminster allow the hon. member for Halifax to interrupt on a question of privilege?

**Mr. Morris:** Shortly after my remarks earlier in this debate, the hon. member for Iles-de-la-Madeleine questioned whether or not I had left the chamber. I want to assure you, Mr. Chairman and the committee that I had not left the chamber. I was in behind the curtains providing a reference in my speech for the *Hansard* staff.

**Mr. Hahn:** Mr. Chairman, it has been suggested to me since the lights went out that it was the vigour of my speech that caused this to take place. I am sure that everyone recognizes, because I am suffering from a cold, it is impossible for me to speak with much vigour. However, other factors might have caused this situation. One such factor is the shadow of Liberalism which hangs over us, and another one is, as was suggested to me, that the Conservatives failed to pay the light bill.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Perhaps they were trying to pay the bill with Social Credit money.

**Mr. Hahn:** If they had not accepted the socialistic principle of public ownership I am sure we would not have run into the same problem, because private enterprise would have seen to it that we had an auxiliary plant.

When I was so rudely interrupted, Mr. Chairman, I was discussing the tagging of salmon on the high seas. I questioned whether the Japanese were getting more of our salmon than they were entitled to. Possibly when the minister replies later today he will make a statement on the results of our tagging, with relation to the origin of these fish. I do understand that some results are being shown at this time.

Another problem which has been raised in this house from time to time is that of fish versus power. I do want to say a few words on this issue because I find a great deal of interest being shown in the matter on the Pacific coast. When I was home for the Christmas recess I had drawn to my attention an article in a British Columbia newspaper dated December 18, which is entitled, "Dam Plan Gaining Support".

**An hon. Member:** Whose plan?

**Mr. Hahn:** The plan for the Moran dam; it refers to the damming of the Fraser river in any shape or form. This article expresses some of the fears of the different groups. In fairness to the power interests it should be