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administered by the new Department of Regional Economic Expansion or the Department of Fisheries and Forestry remains to be seen. Personally I think a lot can be said for the regional development approach because some of these people, perhaps a majority, will not continue in the fishery or at least will not be able to find gainful, productive, and satisfactory employment in the fishery in their new location. It is not exclusively a fisheries problem. It is a problem of employment regardless of the type of occupation that these people take up after their move. So I would say this is a program for the future which must be continued, which must be modified to suit the circumstances, and which most certainly must have regard to employment opportunities over and above those available in the fishery itself.

Finally, the hon. member for Halifax-East Hants raised the question of lobster fish boat regulations. We have instituted a program of licence limitation on the west coast in order to raise the income of fishermen. That is the main purpose of the licence limitation scheme in regard to the lobster fishery on the east coast as well. Mr. Chairman, I think I have covered very briefly most of the points raised by hon. members.

**Mr. McGrath:** The minister forgot to mention whether it is the intention of the department to raise the unjust income of the fish game wardens. I think they now get about \$270 a month for long work and tremendous responsibilities.

**Mr. Davis:** I will look into that matter.

• (1:00 p.m.)

**Mr. Crouse:** The program that the minister has announced is one designed to strengthen and stabilize the market price for frozen groundfish products. Could the minister indicate the species of fish that will be supported by this program? This has not been made known in any phase of his announcement. Does it cover all groundfish products or is the minister at the present time at liberty to tell the house the types of fish that are covered by this program?

**Mr. Davis:** I would say it covers all groundfish products. I would not want it to be inferred that the support would necessarily be there for all groundfish products at any one point in time. If the price for flatfish or flounders should be higher than the long-term trend, we would not be endeavouring to support that price. But if the price on cod blocks,

for instance, was lower than the long-term trend we would undoubtedly be in the market supporting the price of that particular species.

**Mr. McCleave:** Would the minister make a comment on my suggestion that the Department of Fisheries undertake the wharf program?

**Mr. Davis:** It is an interesting idea. I will confer with the Minister of Public Works on that matter.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to.

**Mr. Kierans:** One o'clock.

**The Acting Chairman (Mr. Isabelle):** There are just a few more clauses.

**Mr. Drury:** Mr. Chairman, I believe it is the unanimous wish that we dispose of clauses 4, 5 and 6.

**Mr. McIntosh:** The minister has called it one o'clock, Mr. Chairman.

**The Acting Chairman (Mr. Isabelle):** It being one o'clock I do now leave the chair.

At one o'clock the committee took recess.

**AFTER RECESS**

The committee resumed at 2 p.m.

On Clause 4—*Duties of minister.*

**Mr. Crouse:** Mr. Chairman, clause 4 of the bill provides that the duties, powers and functions of the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry shall cover not only the seacoast and inland fisheries but the forest resources of Canada as well. When the bill establishing the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation was brought before the house, it was piloted through the house by the Minister without Portfolio. Can the Minister of Fisheries now tell us whether the functions of the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation come under his authority, under the authority of the Minister without Portfolio, or under the authority of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce? Perhaps this point could be clarified in respect of clause 4.

**Mr. Davis:** Mr. Chairman, as the hon. member knows, the act has yet to be proclaimed. The minister responsible can be a minister of