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FISHERIES

NEGOTIATION OF NORTH PACIFIC SALMON FISHING AGREEMENT—PROTECTION OF CHINOOK AND COHO SPECIES

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Madam Speaker, I had hoped to address a question to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. In his absence, perhaps the Parliamentary Secretary can take the question. The North Pacific Salmon Fishing Agreement has not been ratified either in Canada or in the United States. That being so, does the Parliamentary Secretary know whether his Minister is satisfied that the appropriate measures have been taken by his officials and that they are in place with regard to quotas, area and type allocation, to ensure that the various species of salmon will not be eliminated, particularly the Chinook and Coho? Also, is he satisfied that any regulations that have been put in place will be enforceable?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs): Madam Speaker, in the absence of the Minister I might attempt to answer the Hon. Member's question. I understand that he is referring to the agreement that has been reached between Canada and the United States. We have concluded that negotiation, and an arrangement has been initialled. It has not been carried any further because, as I understand it at the present time, the United States authorities wish to raise some further points. I know they want to raise some further points. In fact, Secretary of State Shultz advised me of that particular matter when I was in Washington a short time ago. We have not advanced the negotiations since then, because at that time we thought we had concluded an arrangement that had a balance of interest for both countries. Certainly it would be our view that any modifications that might now be proposed by the United States would have to maintain a balance of advantage for both countries and, particularly, maintain the advantages in a comparable way for Canada with those for the United States.

DANGERS ARISING FROM OVER-FISHING

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Madam Speaker, I am glad that the Secretary of State for External Affairs has answered that question. He avoided the main thrust because, of course, it is a Canadian domestic affair. Since he was on his feet to speak about the international aspects, could he advise us whether he is satisfied that the arrangements that are in place, or ought to be in place, will prevent the exacerbation of the situation between Canada and the United States by over-fishing in areas around the International Boundary, out at the mouth of the Straits of Juan de Fuca or off the Queen Charlottes?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs): Madam Speaker, it is our view that the conclusion of that arrangement, if it could be ratified, would remove from our bilateral arrangements an

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issue of long-standing importance. If we could conclude this matter, it would be of benefit to Canada.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): The fishing season is open.

Mr. MacEachen: The Hon. Member says the fishing season is open. There is no possibility that this arrangement can be ratified quickly because of the new points that have been raised by the United States.

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PUBLIC WORKS

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO ALBERTA

Mr. Peter Elzinga (Pembina): Madam Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of State for Economic Development I will direct my question to the Minister of State for Finance. Of the \$2.4 billion for public works projects announced in the budget on April 19 by the Minister of Finance, what portion will be allocated to Alberta?

Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of Public Works): Madam Speaker, the Minister indicated that announcements under that program would be made in due course in the various regions of the country that are affected, for example, the areas that will benefit from those infrastructure projects. The water bombers program, for example, was one of the first announcements. There are over 100 projects in that program. A number of them involve approval of local councils, agencies and provincial Governments. There is a lot of co-ordination required. The difficulty was that had they been in place and firmed prior to the budget, any kind of pre-release of that information runs into the problem of secrecy of budget preparations. Those projects are being firmed up and will be announced in due course, I would say within the next few weeks.

CANADA PLACE PROJECT IN EDMONTON

Mr. Peter Elzinga (Pembina): Madam Speaker, I would like some concurrence from the Minister with regard to a telegram which the Mayor of the City of Edmonton sent to a number of the Minister's Cabinet colleagues, stressing the importance that Edmonton places on projects such as these, considering that the present local unemployment rate is in excess of 13 per cent. In particular, he stresses the importance of the Canada Place project. Can the Minister give us any indication whether this project is being considered. If it is being considered, when can we expect an announcement in regard to it, and how much money will be allocated to the Province?

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Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of State (Finance)): Mr. Speaker, I have not seen the telegram that the Hon. Member refers to so I cannot make any comment on the project. The