

Proceedings on Adjournment Motion

The present situation is that we as commercial boats coming in to berth for the night have little likelihood of ever actually being able to tie to a float. Pleasure and sport craft are allowed to tie singly, anywhere at will, thus spoiling what inadequate tie-up space is here, while the commercial boats are forced to tie three and four abreast. These tourist and local pleasure craft receive no wharfage bills, but we who earn our living fishing and pay taxes here are charged.

Bills are issued in a most haphazard way, with never a date to say when you tied at the wharf. It is most disconcerting to receive such bills for a period when you have not been in the port at all, or when the two boats tied inside of you next to the float received no bill at all. Is this not discrimination?

The float at which we tie is in very poor state of repair with neither fresh water nor electricity for our use. To bring anything down to our craft, we must walk and carry these things from the head of the wharf, as the sportsmen, tourists, and naval personnel cars line the wharf, but we are not provided with any supervised loading area.

It is very often we return to find costly gear has been stolen and our craft damaged by vandals, but no provision is made whatever to provide us with a watchman or have supervision on the wharf.

Then he asks for my attention to these matters. The minister will be aware that the reference he made about the time he assumed office to the wharfage—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rinfret): Order. I regret to interrupt the hon. member but the time allotted to him has expired.

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, there are aspects of my responsibilities that I feel are being discharged more competently than the particular one to which the hon. gentlemen has reference. I admit that right away. When I said the other day in answer to a question in the house that this was a very tangled and difficult matter indeed, I meant just what I said. I am not seeking to blame the officials in my department who are trying to carry out the law as it is. I do not think that the law as it is intended or is designed to create the kind of situation that the hon. gentleman's constituent portrayed in his letter about the state of affairs at Comox. I have recently told the officials of my department that I want a full and thorough investigation of all the facts connected with this matter.

Why the matter is difficult, I gather, is that these floats, as they are called, are not used exclusively by commercial fishermen, as are most of the fishing wharves in other parts of Canada. Everyone who has been to the Pacific coast knows that there is no part of Canada where there are so many pleasure craft of one

sort or another. It is our feeling, and I think it is probably the feeling of most people who themselves have pleasure craft, that the people who own these craft are perfectly well able to pay for berthing facilities for their craft. I do not think there is any question that they would be quite willing to do so if the situation were properly organized.

● (10:10 p.m.)

It is difficult apparently to make a charge for services of this kind if you are going to impose a different kind of charge for the same facilities used by commercial fishermen. We shall have to look at the matter quite radically to see if some equitable solution cannot be found so that commercial fishermen will be assured of facilities to tie up their boats and to earn their living without it being necessary at the same time to impose a charge on the taxpayers to provide berthing for pleasure craft.

This problem is not easy of solution. I shall do my best to do something. Perhaps I have been negligent in feeling that there are other problems in my department which may be more urgent and which have demanded more of my time, but I shall make an honest effort to see if something cannot be done to meet the problem.

DRUGS—LSD—ADVERTISEMENTS RESPECTING IMPORTATION

Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Revelstoke): Mr. Speaker, this morning I looked up a statement in *Hansard* made by the Minister of National Health and Welfare on May 16 about the control of the drug LSD in this country. I noted one paragraph particularly where he stated:

I can assure hon. members that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who are concerned with this problem, are doing their best to eliminate illicit supplies and we have under consideration, in consultation with that force, special measures which will permit more effective control of LSD than is possible under existing legislation.

I looked up that statement because of two coinciding items in newspapers which came to my attention this morning. One is an advertisement in a campus newspaper, *The Sheaf* at the University of Saskatchewan. It advertises a series of long playing records made by Dr. Timothy Leary who has been something of a high priest to the cult built round the use of LSD. It says:

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