Inquiries of the Ministry

matter, to clarify the entire question and restore the reputation of our Atlantic sealers. Canada's reputation abroad has suffered because of fraudulent misrepresentation of our sealing methods.

Mr. Davis: Mr. Speaker, I will consider the hon. member's representation.

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): A further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. When can we expect to see implementation of Canada's Territorial Sea and Fishing Zones legislation, enacted in 1964, in order to give us legal control over all fishing operations in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, as well as over those who film the seal hunt in the area and distribute the film?

Mr. Davis: Mr. Speaker, that question ought to have been addressed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Mr. McGrath: A further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Since the matter of the seal hunt is most important, will the minister not agree to make a statement on motions tomorrow, or as soon as possible, and accept my suggestion to table the document I have referred to?

Mr. Davis: Mr. Speaker, I prefer first to read the document.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

BRITISH COLUMBIA—INCREASES IN PLYWOOD AND LUMBER PRICES

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. Have the representations of the woodworkers of British Columbia been considered? They have asked the federal government to intervene in the question of alleged inordinate price increases with respect to plywood and lumber used in British Columbia in the construction of houses.

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, I am discussing this matter with my seatmate, the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

[Translation]

PILOTAGE

IMPLEMENTATION OF ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): I should like to ask the Minister of Transport a question.

[Mr. Lundrigan.]

Is he in a position to tell us whether a committee will be established to consider the possibility of implementing the numerous recommendations contained in the report of the Royal Commission on Pilotage? If the answer is negative, in what precise way will the government or the Department of Transport apply the measures proposed by this Commission?

[English]

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, as my hon. friend knows, interim legislation was presented to the house to cover the immediate situation. It is proposed that more permanent legislation will follow that and be presented to parliament either in a year or two, or as soon as possible, to cover all matters reported on by the Royal Commission on Pilotage.

SHIPPING

CURTAILMENT OF SERVICES FOLLOWING WITHDRAWAL OF ASSISTANCE

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a supplementary question relating to the curtailment of shipping services resulting from the withdrawal of government assistance.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that is not a proper supplementary question.

Mr. Lundrigan: May I rephrase the question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: If the hon, member will look around he will see other hon, members waiting to ask questions. However if he has a legitimate supplementary question to ask I will allow it.

Mr. Lundrigan: Mr. Speaker, before terminating the government's involvement in shipping firms will the minister consult with the minister responsible for regional and economic development in order that he may take an over-all view of the situation?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): If the hon. member will write to me and give the specifics of the aid he is referring to I will undertake to discuss it with the minister responsible for regional development.

An hon. Member: You will never get the letter.