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number of questions have been asked in the last few days with respect to the immediately projected voyage of the *Manhattan* through this area. It is a large ship. Perhaps Your Honour might permit the question in the circumstances.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I have forgotten part of the question. In any event, so far as navigational aids and the like are concerned, many such aids are in place and have been in place for some time. We are constantly attempting to upgrade them, regardless of the kind of activity going on in the area and regardless of whether the Manhattan is to undertake a second voyage or not. On the matter of pollution, hon. members will recall that, as indicated in the House, legislation in that regard is coming forward.

Mr. Nesbitt: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. If the *Manhattan* is to undertake the projected voyage through the area, will the ship require a special permit from the Department of Transport to go through these waters?

Mr. Jamieson: Mr. Speaker, I have said repeatedly that this is a hypothetical question. There has been no request for the Manhattan to go through.

FISHERIES

CANADA-U.S. DRAFT AGREEMENT ON FISHING PRIVILEGES

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry about the draft agreement between Canada and the United States regarding reciprocity of fishing privileges in the fishing zones of each country. If the minister is agreeable, we could immediately and without debate refer the matter to the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry for examination before ratification.

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, I understand that it is a draft agreement which is subject to ratification. It would have to be ratified both by the Canadian and United States governments. It is not really appropriate, therefore, to make it available for this House at this stage.

Mr. Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, surely a just society can conceive ways of doing things differently. I submit the minister ought to give our people an opportunity to see what it is that has been negotiated.

Mr. Stanfield: This government will not do that.

Mr. Baldwin: Not this fishy government.

Mr. Pepin: Mr. Speaker, may I make a supplementary answer to a previous question.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question period has expired. Is the minister seeking permission to continue the question period beyond the allotted time for the purpose of answering a question asked earlier this afternoon?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

INDUSTRY

ASSISTANCE TO DE HAVILLAND STOL AIRCRAFT PROGRAM

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, may I make a supplementary answer with respect to the de Havilland DH-7 STOL aircraft. The figures given were for this year only. In the communiqué issued yesterday, I said that this matter would be reviewed at the end of the year.

• (3:30 p.m.)

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

NATIONAL PARKS ACT

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING DEFINITION, ACQUISITION, ADMINISTRATION, ETC.

The House resumed from Tuesday, February 10, consideration of the motion of Mr. Chrétien that Bill C-152, to amend the National Parks Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Mr. F. J. Bigg (Pembina): Mr. Speaker, Bill C-152 purports to amend the national parks policy of Canada and, among other things, to set up another Crown corporation to take this rather difficult business out of the realm of politics. If I thought that the purpose of the bill was to reform the national parks policy of Canada and take such an important subject out of the realm of politics by setting up another Crown corporation, I should support it. But on neither of these counts am I satisfied; nor do I think Canada's best interests would be protected by passage of this bill.

I shall confine most of my remarks to the way this problem affects the people of Alberta and, of course, the people of Canada. I