

erably in his attempt to reach agreement with Denmark whereby that country would curtail its deep sea operations—operations which result in the annual taking of some 4.5 million pounds of partially grown Atlantic salmon off Greenland.

I urge the government to try to convene a third Law of the Sea Conference in order to discuss at the international level our territorial seas legislation, our fishing regulations, pollution control and the desirability of establishing sound international conservation practices. I warn members of this government. If they procrastinate, if they delay much longer, it may well be too late to do anything of importance on behalf of a group of patient and long-suffering people, our Atlantic coast fishermen.

**Mr. T. S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni):** Mr. Speaker, in order to ensure that the hon. members of the other place have adequate time in which to consider this piece of legislation, I shall confine my observations to saying "Amen" to the remarks which have been made by the hon. member for South Shore (Mr. Crouse).

**Mr. McGrath:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I would be glad to forego my remarks if the minister would take a few minutes to comment on the observations of my hon. friend from South Shore.

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** I will try to do so, Mr. Speaker. First, the hon. member accused me of failing to stand up to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Greene). Then later on he charged me with trampling on the rights of fishermen and fishing interests on both coasts. As to the amendments to the Fisheries Act, I should like to say I appreciate all the co-operation which I and my staff have received from both sides of the House. The act has been improved a great deal, especially in committee as a result of the amendments made there. I believe it is now a much more workable measure. Since it is a better federal instrument we shall be able to deal much more effectively and quickly with pollution than we could before. Also I will guarantee that as long as I am Minister of Fisheries and Forestry I shall do my utmost to make sure that the standards we set up under the Fisheries Act do not give way to standards set up under any other piece of legislation whether federal or provincial.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

#### *Standards Council of Canada*

**Mr. Speaker:** Is the House ready for the question?

**Some hon. Members:** Question.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

#### STANDARDS COUNCIL OF CANADA

ESTABLISHMENT, OBJECTS AND POWERS,  
ORGANIZATION, ETC.

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-163, to provide for the establishment of a Standards Council of Canada, as reported (without amendment) from the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs.

**Mr. Doug Rowland (Selkirk)** moved:

That Bill C-163, to provide for the establishment of a Standards Council of Canada, be amended by adding the following words to clause 3, subclause (c) thereof immediately following the word "members", in line 2 on page 2:

"no less than ten of whom shall be appointed by, or in consultation with, the Consumers Association of Canada."

He said: During the course of the discussion of this amendment in committee the minister indicated that he objected to it because it would impose a certain rigidity upon the ability of the Governor in Council to select persons for membership on the council. Upon reflection, that objection makes sense to me. I therefore ask the unanimous consent of the House to alter the wording of the amendment in order to broaden it by changing the words "The Consumers Association of Canada" to "bona fide Canadian consumers organizations". The purpose would be the same; it would simply allow more flexibility on the part of the Governor in Council.

• (3:50 p.m.)

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Hon. members have heard the suggestion made by the hon. member for Selkirk. The hon. member requires, of course, unanimous consent of the House to amend his amendment. Is there such unanimity?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** The amendment would therefore read:

"no less than ten of whom shall be appointed by, or in consultation with, bona fide Canadian consumers organizations."

**Mr. Rowland:** Mr. Speaker, I shall be brief. I am suggesting that the bill be amended to