

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, senior officials are representing Canada at the meetings. I do not think it would be particularly useful to make a statement on motions. Nothing in particular has changed from the government's position as stated in the past. We support orderly marketing in the international field, and I think it would be premature to discuss the negotiations at this stage.

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### TRANSPORT

#### INCREASE IN CONFERENCE RATES ON EXPORT OF LUMBER TO UNITED KINGDOM

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Carleton-Charlotte.

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

**Hon. Hugh John Flemming (Carleton-Charlotte):** I wonder what that was all about, Mr. Speaker. I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Is it the intention of the minister to cause an inquiry to be made into the recent very substantial increase in the conference rates for the export of lumber from eastern Canadian ports to the United Kingdom, which will have a very serious effect on the volume of exports of this commodity?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I shall be very glad to look deeply into this matter for the hon. member. I assure him that we will continue to give the same generous consideration to New Brunswick that we have always given.

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### POLLUTION

#### REQUEST FOR TABLING OF DRAFT REGULATIONS UNDER FISHERIES ACT

**Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. It arises from the development of regulations under the new Fisheries Act. In view of the minister's statement to the effect that he intends to circulate the draft regulations in connection with various industries such as pulp and paper to people outside this House, I wonder whether he would table these draft regulations in the House at the same time they are being distributed to others so that we may examine them?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** I shall be glad to do so, Mr. Speaker.

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### FISHERIES

#### INITIATIVES TO OFFSET OVERFISHING BY FOREIGN DRAGGERS—OCEANOGRAPHIC STUDIES

**Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries and

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Forestry. In view of the extensive overfishing by foreign druggers off our shores and in view of the position clearly brought out on the CTV program "W5" on Sunday, can the minister indicate whether his department is now taking any new initiatives to offset the overfishing by the Soviet Union and Germany in particular and to bring his action up to date with his awareness of the need and the problem?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** I am endeavouring to do that, Mr. Speaker. Before the Russian delegation left last week we had a few preliminary discussions about a possible initiative on the east coast of a bilateral nature.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I will recognize the hon. member but I seek the co-operation of hon. members in relation to supplementaries.

**Mr. Lundrigan:** Mr. Speaker, this problem is so urgent that I feel you might be a little lenient with our questions in this regard. Can the minister say whether Canada is taking any new action to increase its efforts in the area of oceanographic studies and can he give assurance that the recent moving of the problem north on the west coast of Canada means that we did not give away valuable resources—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The question is one of a very general nature which should be placed on the order paper. If there should be an element of urgency involved it could be returned to tonight.

**Mr. Lundrigan:** Mr. Speaker, we have just had negotiations with the Soviet Union and there is a feeling in Canada that we have given away resources because of the lack of knowledge of oceanography.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I understood the question and I suggest it should either be placed on the order paper or, if my assessment is wrong, there is provision in the rules that it may be considered at the time of adjournment.

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### NATIONAL SECURITY

#### WAR MEASURES ACT—COMMITTEE TO AID POLITICAL PRISONERS

**Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister.

Could he tell us if the Quebec government had consulted the federal authorities before agreeing to recognize the committee that has been established to provide assistance to political prisoners, as announced yesterday by the Quebec Attorney General?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I know that, on this whole matter, discussions are now underway between the federal Minister of Justice and his Quebec counterpart. I cannot say if such discussions dealt with this particular committee.