

member for Timmins-Chapleau (Mr. Chénier) read what was obviously a departmentally prepared reply. At page 7203 of *Hansard* for February 12, 1981, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development said this:

The hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) highlighted this controversy by alleging improprieties in the department—

In other words there was a direct accusation against me that I had alleged improprieties. At that time, I intervened and said "That is not true."

**Madam Speaker:** I have to interrupt the hon. member. He could raise this question of privilege at this time if the content of his question of privilege flowed from the deliberations of today. But if it flows from yesterday's proceedings, he knows the usual notice is required. I will accept that notice and hear him later on.

**Mr. Nielsen:** Madam Speaker, I was simply trying to save the time of the House. All I wanted to add to the question raised today, so that I will not take up the time of the House tomorrow, was that if the departmental official who prepared that written reply had referred to page 6544 in *Hansard* for January 26, 1981, he would have found that no such words and no such allegations were made by me.

I would urge parliamentary secretaries and others who have the responsibility for delivering written replies prepared in the department to look at them a little more carefully before they accuse members on this side of making improper allegations.

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

**Madam Speaker:** I very much like the representation, and I suppose the House has accepted it as such.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

### SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION OF CANADA

#### TABLING OF COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of Special Joint Committee on the Constitution of Canada—Mr. Joyal.

[Editor's Note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

## Order Paper Questions

[English]

### FISHERIES AND FORESTRY

#### THIRD REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES AND FORESTRY—MISS CAMPBELL

**Miss Coline Campbell (South West Nova):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present the third report of the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry. If the House gives its consent, I intend to move concurrence of this report later.

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### PETITION

#### MR. SIDDON—1981 HERRING ROE MANAGEMENT PLAN—LICENSING RESTRICTIONS

**Mr. Thomas Siddon (Richmond-South Delta):** Madam Speaker, I have the duty to present a petition on behalf of large numbers of British Columbia herring fishermen who oppose the 1981 management plan for the season which is to open in the next few weeks. The 1981 herring management plan was developed without regard for the advice of the minister's own officials and experts. The last minute changes in the area licensing and lottery draw selection procedure were totally contrary to the 1980 plan which has never been tested. Therefore, these petitioners have asked as follows:

Wherefore, the undersigned do hereby protest any attempt by the Government of Canada to impose an eleventh hour decision of area licensing upon the British Columbia Herring Fishery without an opportunity to provide adequate input on this very serious measure, and do pray that the House of Commons will correspondingly reject any such proposal and instead will instruct the minister to implement the 1980 Herring Roe Plan, which had been the product of extensive consultation with the fishermen.

Therefore, on behalf of these petitioners, I ask for serious consideration of their strong appeal to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. LeBlanc) and to the Government of Canada through this House.

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[Translation]

### QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance):** Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 259, 699, 988, 1,497, 1,732, 1,847 and 1,848.

I ask, Madam Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.