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for his catch. Indeed, the initial price will be as close to market value as possible, but there will still be reflected variations for kinds of fish, qualities of fish, and the average of areas in regard to the proper price of fish.

The sales of fish within an area, generally speaking under this legislation and the complementary provincial legislation, will lie entirely with the corporation. However, it will be possible and it is expected that certain direct local sales by fishermen, which will not affect the general quality or market control, will be allowed. Thus, sales to mink ranchers, to local smokehouses and local customers, may indeed be permitted. The general approach is to give the corporation significant power to deal with the various exigencies which may face it. The expectation, as I stated before, is that the corporation will make great use of private industry in all those areas where existing facilities are at hand.

There is expected to be some problem of redundancy where at the moment there is improper equipment, inefficient operation, or unnecessary duplication and the like. This question of redundancy is basically a provincial responsibility and the bill envisages the bearing of that responsibility by the participating provincial regions.

The suggestion by one hon. member was that there be some reimbursement by the corporation to the provinces for this redundancy, and of course this is not envisaged at all. The redundancy costs will be borne by the provinces, and this is part of the understanding between the government and the provincial authorities which was arrived at prior to the introduction of the bill in this house.

It is expected that the advisory council will be an important factor in the work of this corporation, and that a significant voice for fishermen themselves will be found in the advisory council.

The corporation is, of course, basically intended to be a business operation. It is not intended to be involved in other regular governmental or non-governmental activities with regard to many other facets of the fishery. The corporation is not intended to take over governmental efforts with regard to research, improvement of lake standards and the like. It is not intended to replace governmental programs with regard to education or retraining, or indeed programs specifically designed to make it possible for Indians to participate in an occupation such as fishing.

These, then, are the objectives behind this bill and I am sure the establishment of the

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corporation will be a tremendous help to the fishing industry of the regions concerned.

Mr. McCutcheon: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Is the hon. member rising for the purpose of asking a question?

Mr. McCutcheon: Yes, indeed, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Will the minister allow a question?

Mr. Lang (Saskatoon-Humboldt): Yes.

Mr. McCutcheon: I wonder if the minister would care to reply to the question that I posed to him?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): He did. You should have been here.

Mr. McCutcheon: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I hear somebody saying I should have been in the house. I have not been out of the house. If the minister answered, then I am afraid my hearing is getting pretty bad.

Mr. Lang (Saskatoon-Humboldt): Mr. Speaker, I am having trouble with the presence and the absence of hon. members opposite but I am sure the hon. member will find the answer to the question in *Hansard*.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Lang, seconded by Mr. Macdonald moves—

Mr. Burton: Will the minister permit another question before he resumes his seat?

Mr. Lang (Saskatoon-Humboldt): Certainly.

Mr. Burton: With regard to the minister's comment that all dealings would be with fishermen or their agents, as I understood it, I would like to ask what is the situation with respect to Indian fishermen who are members of bands on Indian reservations? Will they be able to deal directly with this corporation or will they deal with it through the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development?

Mr. Lang (Saskatoon-Humboldt): Mr. Speaker, the observation I made was that the fish would be purchased by the corporation directly or through its agents. I did not intend to convey the impression that the corporation would be dealing with the fishermen's agents but rather that the fishermen would be dealing with the corporation's agents.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Lang, seconded by Mr. Macdonald—