Inquiries of the Ministry

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PUBLIC WORKS

SAN JUAN BAY, VANCOUVER ISLAND-REQUEST FOR BREAKWATER

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. W. Prittie (Burnaby-Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Public Works. Could the minister give the house an up to date report with respect to the urgent need for a breakwater in San Juan bay on Vancouver island?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I perhaps should have referred the hon. member a little earlier to standing order 39 and the references thereto. The question and all questions of this type should be placed on the order paper.

COMBINES

SUGGESTED AMENDMENT OF MERGER SECTIONS OF ACT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Justice. My question is based upon the three recent reports of the restrictive trade practices commission regarding the paper box and related products industries, with respect to which the commission feels the merger sections of the Combines Investigation Act are too weak to have any effect.

Is it the intention of the government to introduce any amendments to these merger sections of the Combines Investigation Act during this session in order to overcome this difficulty?

Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, as has already been announced publicly, the recommendations of the restrictive trades practices commission are under study.

FISHERIES

BRITISH COLUMBIA—IMPLEMENTATION OF REC-OMMENDATIONS RESPECTING LICENCES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Barry Mather (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries. Is it the intention of the government to introduce any legislation this session based on the recommendations of Dr. Sinclair with respect to licence limitations?

Hon. J. A. Maclean (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the hon. member for New Westminster for giving me notice of his intention to ask this question. No decision has been taken by the government to introduce legislation on this subject.

[Mr. Balcer.]

CHALEUR BAY, N.B.—ILLEGAL FISHING BY FOREIGN TRAWLERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. J. Robichaud (Gloucester): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of Fisheries. Could the minister inform the house whether he has received complaints against fishing trawlers of foreign origin, and particularly of Spanish registry, operating in the waters of the gulf of St. Lawrence and at the entrance of Chaleur bay with nets below minimum standards of mesh size requirements? If so, what action has been taken to protect Canadian fishermen against such operations?

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Minister of Fisheries): More than one report of activities by foreign fishing vessels in this general area has been made to the department. Investigations have been carried out on each occasion and the appropriate action has been taken by my department where any action was indicated. I should be glad to report further to the hon. gentleman at a later time.

(Translation):

HOUSE OF COMMONS

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Real Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Prime Minister. Is it the government's intention to substitute a program of real Canadian prosperity for the austerity program?

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Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Speaker: Order.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

SONS OF FREEDOM, B.C.—POLICY RESPECTING PENITENTIARY SENTENCES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice; I apologize for not having given him notice this morning. May I ask the Minister of Justice whether, in the light of the responsibilities and jurisdiction of his department and in the interests of the maintenance of law, order, peace and good government, there are any plans of which he could advise this house to resolve the serious situation now facing the province of British Columbia as a result of the actions and policies of the Sons of Freedom?