

may say that Canada has for some time been carrying out research on the use of these vehicles in the north. Because of the possibility of general applicability we would naturally welcome any development work the United States authorities may carry out along these lines in their territory.

I should also like to say a word about the broader subject of Arctic research. The responsible departments have, of course, been engaged in a considerable amount of such activities for many years. There has been no direct consultation with representatives of the U.S. government concerning the proposed U.S. program of research in the fields of Arctic environment and resources. However it may be of interest that this coming weekend an inter-disciplinary group of United States research scientists will visit Canada—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**An hon. Member:** Sit down!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I am sure the minister realizes he cannot make this kind of statement without reverting to motions. Is it agreed that we revert to motions?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is no such agreement and the minister cannot reply to the question in that way.

**Mr. Chrétien:** I had almost finished, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. The Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development must be a mind reader because I was about to rise to try to catch your attention, Mr. Speaker, and ask the Prime Minister if he could now answer the question I asked last week relating to the announced intention of the United States to carry out certain projects of a research or experimental nature in the Arctic and whether there have been communications from the United States or discussions as to the area in the north in which these United States activities would take place. Can the Prime Minister say whether there have been any such discussions?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I cannot add anything to what the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development had just begun to state in the House. He may wish to add something.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Chrétien:** Mr. Speaker, I wish to say that there will be a conference this weekend with United States scientists. We will always welcome exchanges with United States officials, but there are no official discussions taking place with the U.S. government about this matter at this time.

## POLLUTION

### THE ARCTIC—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON MEASURES TO ENFORCE ANTI-POLLUTION PROVISIONS

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I am sure the Prime Minister would be prepared to agree to what I am about to request in view of the obvious desire of the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to make a full statement on this matter that is of concern to him. I ask the Prime Minister whether he or some other minister who may be considered more appropriate would on an early occasion make a full statement as to the measures the government of Canada proposes to take with regard to the enforcement of the anti-pollution provisions incorporated in Bill C-202?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I will ask the minister to consider this.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Mr. Speaker, with all respect, may I suggest to the Prime Minister that it is the responsibility of the government as a whole to make this statement, since it seems to involve the operations of several departments of government.

## NATIONAL DEFENCE

### CRACKS IN FOILS OF PROTOTYPE HYDROFOIL SHIP—COST OF REPAIRS

**Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. Can the minister indicate the impact made upon our defence program as a result of cracks which have been found in the foils of our experimental hydrofoil ship? Also, when does he contemplate that this prototype will be operational?

**Mr. Fairweather:** In 1984.

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, there is an element of that question which is highly speculative. I cannot say what impact it would have on the