

more specifically, whether he approved the recommendation dealing with the availability of a search and rescue ship on an hour's notice along the Gaspé coast?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport): Madam Speaker, Justice Hugessen did indeed make a number of recommendations. It is common practice for the Department of Transport to consider these recommendations and to consult with experts, which was done in this particular case, and subsequently, to publish a report indicating the recommendations the department is prepared to accept and those it cannot accept. That is the usual process. In this case, as far as Recommendation 16 is concerned which indicates that a ship must be ready to go to the rescue of a ship in distress on an hour's notice, it is already a Department of Transport regulation. In the case of the Hudson, the regulation was not followed as a result of some very unpleasant business which occurred in Quebec City. So, the regulation does exist. As far as safety on the St. Lawrence is concerned, at the present time we have the *Ville-Marie*, which is now in service, and this winter, the *Simon Fraser* will also be put into service, in order to be prepared for all eventualities on the St. Lawrence.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

DESIGNATION OF ONTARIO REGIONS

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. I might say that I have addressed this question to his predecessors, the President of the Treasury Board, and the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. I presume he is aware that the Department has been studying for some months now the proposal to extend the boundaries of regions eligible for DREE grants. The Province of Ontario has particular significance to me because part of my riding, the Regional Municipality of Muskoka, is not covered. Could the Minister bring us up to date on this situation and on what the decision will be?

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Madam Speaker, there is no decision forthcoming in the immediate future of which I am aware with respect to changing any boundaries in Ontario with respect to DREE.

REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT HELP PRIVATE INDUSTRY

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Madam Speaker, I wonder if the Minister could have a word with his predecessor twice removed, because I was informed categorically that there was a study being made and serious consideration being given to parts of central Ontario, to extend the boundaries. That is an area in which there is high unemployment. I am quite sure, if the Government is now doing everything possible to provide jobs, that it will help private industry with

these grants to do the job itself, and they will not be only 20 week jobs, either.

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Madam Speaker, I did not say that the study was not under way. I just said that I did not think there would be a decision forthcoming in the immediate future with respect to any changes in the boundaries of DREE-designated areas.

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CRIMINAL CODE

APPLICATION OF BREATHALYZER TESTS

Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Justice. It is with respect to recent developments in the so-called breathalyzer provisions of the Criminal Code. In view of the solemn promises which were given around 1969 by the Liberal Government—and I believe John Turner, who was then Minister of Justice—that at the first opportunity accused persons given the breathalyzer test would be provided with an independent analysis facility, a container suitable for independent analysis of their breath, and in view of recent statements by Douglas Lucas, the Director of the Centre for Forensic Science in the Department of the Solicitor General, that this is now possible, will the Minister of Justice take steps to fulfil that commitment and alleviate the incriminatory and Draconian aspects of the legislation about which so many Members had reservations at the time it was brought into the House?

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Minister of Justice): Madam Speaker, I thank my hon. friend for bringing this matter to our attention. As he knows, the reason for the delay over these years has been the technical problem. I want to assure him that, in light of these developments, the matter is now under active study.

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FISHERIES

REQUEST THAT PEARSE REPORT BE REFERRED TO STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. We are looking forward to meeting him in committee. Could he say yes or no right now as to whether he is prepared to refer the Pearse Commission report on the Pacific fisheries to the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry?

Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): Madam Speaker, I intend to go and meet with as many groups in the West as possible within the next ten days. I would be very interested in having the views of the Hon. Member, but personally I do not think fishermen on the West Coast are