

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): I would be pleased to, Mr. Speaker. I did meet with the mayor and representatives of Calgary yesterday and I undertook at that time to proceed without delay with the construction of a new terminal building at Calgary international airport.

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FISHERIES

RECOVERY OF GEAR FOLLOWING INTERCEPTION OF CANADIAN VESSEL BY UNITED STATES COASTGUARD

Mr. Jerry Pringle (Fraser Valley East): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. What action is being taken to recover from Canadian waters Canadian fishing gear which was abandoned as a result of interception by the United States coastguard during the recent incident involving a Canadian fishing vessel?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, the Canadian fisheries research vessel G. B. Reid is on the spot now picking up the gear.

INQUIRY AS TO DESTRUCTION OF GEAR BY SOVIET VESSELS OFF EAST COAST

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, can the minister indicate whether there is any evidence on the east coast of Canada to indicate there has been an incident between the Soviet Union and Canadian fishermen similar to the one between the United States and the U.S.S.R.?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, we have received no evidence that Russian fishing vessels are picking up Canadian lobsters off our continental shelf.

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INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey-White Rock): Mr. Speaker, I have a question I should like to direct to the Acting Prime Minister having in mind the presence in Ottawa today of the Minister of Finance of Malaysia who was introduced to the House this morning. What consideration is the government giving to an attempt to retain that gentleman in the capital to advise it on its many financial problems?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. visitor's services have been retained for parliamentary matters.

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FISHERIES

SWORDFISH—ASSISTANCE TO FISHERMEN BECAUSE OF CONTAMINATION

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Fisheries. In view of the fact that unemployment insur-

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ance benefits for some swordfishermen have terminated and they are unable to go swordfishing because of present food regulations, has the minister formulated a policy or program to assist these fishermen and, if so, when will this program be announced?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, a program has been developed in close co-operation with the province of Nova Scotia and we expect momentarily to be able to announce the details of this program in respect of the swordfishermen in question.

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LABOUR CONDITIONS

TIMETABLE FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF FULL EMPLOYMENT

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Acting Prime Minister this question. In light of the statement made by the Minister of Finance that the government is committed to full employment, can he inform the House whether the government now has a timetable set for the achievement of full employment in Canada, and what year is it?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am sure that any time other than as soon as possible would be unacceptable.

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INDUSTRY

PAUL MANEY LABORATORIES—ACTION TO PREVENT SALE TO FOREIGN INTERESTS

Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Has his attention been drawn to the situation in respect of Paul Maney Laboratories, one of the largest independent drug companies in Canada, and the danger of it being sold to foreign investors? Does the minister intend to take some action to assist this company and prevent such a sale?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): I cannot answer that question in detail at this moment, Mr. Speaker, but I will check further and try to answer on Tuesday.

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TRANSPORT

REQUEST BY MEMBER OF ARGENTIA TASK FORCE THAT CHAIRMAN RESIGN

Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Will he tell the House whether he received a representation from a member of the Argentia task force in Newfoundland requesting that the chairman resign on the basis that the task force has failed to fulfil its objectives and the chairman misled a committee of the House of Commons with regard to employment?