

## FISHERIES

## OPERATIONS OF FRESHWATER FISH MARKETING CORPORATION—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

**Mr. Doug Rowland (Selkirk):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I wish to ask leave of the House to introduce a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. Yesterday the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation announced large layoffs of personnel in their Winnipeg and Selkirk plants. This action follows radical alterations to the marketing procedures pursued by the corporation, the dismissal or resignation of significant numbers of the corporation's most senior staff, allegations that the corporation is running a huge deficit and allegations that a part of the inventory of fish of the corporation cannot be accounted for. In light of the fact that the corporation is a public operation—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that under the perhaps unfortunate practice we have established in the House under Standing Order 43 the hon. member is limited, after a very brief indication of what the urgency is, to placing his proposed motion before the House. Under the terms of Standing Order 43 he cannot make a speech.

**Mr. Rowland:** Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to indicate the importance of the motion by saying that the corporation is the key to the well-being of the fishermen of the western provinces and the Northwest Territories. I therefore move:

That the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry be immediately established and that the entire matter of the administration and operations of the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation be referred to it for investigation and report.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is not unanimity. The motion cannot be put.

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## EXPORT DEVELOPMENT ACT

## INCREASES IN AUTHORIZED SHARE CAPITAL AND IN CEILING ON LOANS AND GUARANTEES BY CORPORATION

**Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-3, to amend the Export Development Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

## Oral Questions

## FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT ACT

## AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF CERTAIN FACILITIES

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-4, to amend the Fisheries Development Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

• (1120)

## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

## THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

## COST OF LIVING INCREASE—REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY MEASURES TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** I have a question for the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker, arising from the indication in the consumer price index today that Canada's cost of living continues to rise at a rate of more than 5 per cent a year. Has the Prime Minister instructed his ministers to prepare a series of interim emergency measures to halt or at least to reduce this erosion of Canada's purchasing power, particularly in light of the success of our neighbouring country below the border?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** If the Leader of the Opposition is thinking about price and wage controls, the government has already stated its position on that question, that we have contingency plans which we will bring into action if necessary but that we would give no advance notice if we were going to do so.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Is the government considering any emergency action with regard to the price of certain foods, coupled, perhaps, with a support program, in order to ensure that the drastic increase in food prices taking place now and which has been taking place for a number of months does not provoke a general inflationary psychology in the country? Does the government intend to take any interim emergency action to prevent such a situation from developing?

**Mr. Trudeau:** The Speech from the Throne and, indeed, the order paper, indicate that the government wants this question of the increase in food prices brought before parliament. A motion is on the order paper to enable this to be done.

**Mr. Hees:** That will take months and months.

**Mr. Trudeau:** No, it will not take months if the opposition has a clear position on it, which is doubtful.

**Mr. Hees:** We know the way you deal with all reports.