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### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

#### DELAY IN PAYMENT OF BENEFITS—REQUEST THAT INTEREST BE PAID

**Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the hon. Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

Since many computer errors have compelled Unemployment Insurance Commission officials in Montreal to send their files to Ottawa for analysis purposes, would the minister indicate whether the errors of this faulty system which caused a number of persons to wait up to three months, will entitle them to the payment of interest on their additional benefits?

[English]

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman has the same right as any other hon. member. If he has specific cases he should bring them to my attention. There was a recent review of complaints from hon. members, but I do not believe there has been one from the hon. member's office for many weeks.

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### CANADIAN TRANSPORT COMMISSION

#### SUGGESTED APPOINTMENT OF WESTERN CANADIAN AS NEW CHAIRMAN

**Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Is preference being given to the appointment of a westerner to head the Canadian Transport Commission?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** The whole matter is under review, Mr. Speaker.

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### FISHERIES

#### OVERFISHING OF GROUND FISH BY FOREIGN NATIONALS—DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES—DATE OF LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE

**Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the constant monthly decline in the over-all catch of groundfish by Canadian fishermen because of overfishing by foreign nationals on our continental shelf, has the minister held any recent discussions on this thorny problem with his counterparts in the countries concerned? Would he also indicate whether an agenda has been agreed upon and a date set for the United Nations Law of the Sea Conference which has been proposed for 1973?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I think the first part of the question could probably be better answered by the Minister of Fisheries. With respect to the proposed Law of the Sea Conference in 1973, it is still our objective to have one in

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1973 and at various international bodies we have been working in this direction. Currently an agenda for this conference is being worked out, partly, and I think even mainly, as a result of initiatives taken by Canada.

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### LABOUR RELATIONS

#### DISPUTE BETWEEN CANADA STEAMSHIP LINES AND UNION—PUBLICATION OF CONCILIATION BOARD REPORT

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. When will he be publishing the report of the conciliation board dealing with the dispute between Canada Steamship Lines and the Brotherhood of Railway, Steamship and Airline Clerks, which I understand he received several weeks ago?

**Hon. Martin P. O'Connell (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, I think that report was published earlier this week.

**Mr. Speaker:** Orders of the day. I have to apologize to hon. members. We have run a few minutes beyond the question period. I appreciate that a number of members are still anxious to ask questions, but I would think that in view of the circumstances hon. members would expect the Chair to call orders of the day.

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### GOVERNMENT ORDERS

#### WEST COAST PORTS OPERATIONS BILL

##### MEASURE TO PROVIDE FOR RESUMPTION AND CONTINUATION OF LONGSHORING, GRAIN HANDLING AND RELATED OPERATIONS AT WEST COAST PORTS

The House resumed consideration in committee of Bill C-231, to provide for the resumption and continuation of longshoring and grain handling operations and operations related to longshoring or grain handling at ports on the west coast of Canada—Mr. O'Connell—Mr. Honey in the chair.

On Clause 8—*Termination*.

**The Chairman:** When the House rose last evening clause 8 of the bill was under consideration with an amendment proposed by the hon. member for Moose Jaw as follows:

That clause 8, Part II, be amended by changing the period at the end thereof to a comma and by adding immediately thereafter the following words:

"provided however that before December 31, 1972, the government shall initiate a study under the Inquiries Act into the possibility of separating grain from general cargo, such grain to be handled by the Canadian Wheat Board."

Is the committee ready for the question on the amendment?