

another month's time, one would see three and four factory freezer trawlers from three and four different countries catching fish to within 12 miles of our coastline.

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This year is worse than last year. Why? It is because the Government of Canada said it had a problem with boundaries and wanted to be nice to France. You know, Mr. Speaker, this year the French factory freezer trawlers which are just making their way across the Atlantic today will be fishing cod in northern New Brunswick. There must be lots of fish there to allow French factory freezer trawlers flying the French flag to fish codfish in northern New Brunswick. Off Prince Edward Island and Québec they will be catching cod to the tune of 4,000 tonnes. That means that another fish plant will be gone. Off Nova Scotia the catch will be 4,000 silver hake with a legal by-catch of cod, pollock, haddock, redfish and squid. In the northern cod zone there will be new licences issued this year, licences which were never issued before by the Government. It has never happened before in our history.

Some 2,000 tonnes of halibut will be caught in the northern cod zone area, while 4,500 tonnes of codfish, 3,000 tonnes of halibut, 4,000 tonnes of flounder and 2,000 tonnes of redfish will be caught.

Mr. Speaker, you are saying that I only have two minutes left. I have not even gotten to the main point of my argument.

The main point is this. Canadians are being treated like second-class citizens, second-class to the Russians, the Cubans, the Japanese, the East Germans and the people from the Faro Islands by the Government of Canada. Whereas on the one hand Members of the Government say: "Oh, there is a problem in the fishery", on the other hand they are dishing out these licences every day to foreign countries to fish within 12 miles of the coast of Canada for cod, halibut, redfish, squid and capelin. Licences which Newfoundlanders and Nova Scotians have been refused are being issued to these

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foreign countries. These licences exclude them from the fishery's regulations of Canada as passed by Parliament.

An Hon. Member: Read it.

Mr. Baker: Read it? "Release of incidentally caught fish—shall forthwith return that fish to the waters in which it was caught". That is what a Canadian is put in jail for. That is what two cases are pending for now in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. Oh, no, Mr. Speaker, not for the Russians. They can go 12 miles off our coast now, as they are, and fish to their heart's content with licences issued by the Government of Canada.

That is why this motion is being moved today. We want to know why these people are not subject to the same regulations as Canadian fishermen are subject to. We want to know why they are given capelin licences when 440 Newfoundlanders were refused this year. We want to know why they are able to catch by-catches of cod and everything else. Why are they out there in the first place? We are not over there. Mr. Speaker, do you see any Canadian boats off the Soviet Union, England, France, Spain? No.

In conclusion, we have nothing against the Government of Canada having meetings with Spain and Portugal about what is being done outside the 200-mile zone, but there are only 160 ships outside, 80 of them factory freezer trawlers. However, there are 250 foreign factory freezer trawlers inside the 200-mile zone licensed by the Government. The Government should be ashamed of itself. This is absolute madness.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Caccia: Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member for Gander—Grand Falls (Mr. Baker) made a very interesting speech. He gave us quite a picture with respect to what is going on right now. However, toward the end of his remarks he seemed to be anxious to make some additional points which time did not permit him to make. I would like to ask him whether he would give us a summary of the additional points that he intended to make in the first instance.

Mr. Baker: Mr. Speaker, I want to tell you how important this issue is. We have fishplant workers and fishermen who are out of work. They are watching off their coast foreign boats which are licensed by the Government. In the past six weeks, over 60 factory freezer trawler licences have been issued to foreign