

Adjournment Debate

Officials are assessing the options available to provide assistance to those affected by the unusually poor fishing season.

I want to allay the fears of the hon. member and assure him that this government is acting in the interests of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador who depend on the fishery. In May the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans announced a special ice compensation program which was able to provide assistance to those who were prevented from beginning the normal fishing season due to severe ice conditions.

The government's \$18 million assistance package helped fishermen get through the period when ice problems delayed the opening of the fishery and the government will act again to ensure that hardship is averted throughout the winter by providing a package to assist the fishermen and the plant workers.

[*Translation*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): The motion to adjourn the House now is deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 24(1).

The House adjourned at 7.18 p.m.
