

Inquiries of the Ministry

• (11:10 a.m.)

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, we in this party would be agreeable to this procedure, if it is arranged.

Mr. Speaker: There is a slight difficulty in that the report has not been received in its entirety at this moment. Although the last issue of the English version of the report will be in by noon today, the French version of that report will not be available. I know some hon. members have objected to the fact that there had been a motion for concurrence in a report, although the committee evidence had not been received in full. But if hon. members are satisfied, we might proceed as suggested by the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Macdonald). Is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT ACT
PROTECTION OF COASTLINE AGAINST OIL
LEAKAGE

Mr. Tom H. Goode (Burnaby-Richmond) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-170, to amend the Department of Transport Act.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Goode: The purpose of this bill is to bring offshore oil drilling under the control of the Department of Transport in order that the department may protect the beaches and wildlife of our coastline against massive oil leakage such as the one recently experienced on the California coast.

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

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

PROHIBITION OF ADVERTISING, SALE AND
IMPORTATION

Hon. Otto E. Lang (for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs) moved that Bill S-26 (from the Senate), to prohibit the advertising, sale and importation of hazardous products, be now read the first time.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

**CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT ASSOCIATIONS
ACT**

PERMISSION TO SOCIETY TO BECOME
FEDERALLY INCORPORATED

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance) moved that Bill S-28 (from the Senate), to [Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale).]

amend the Co-operative Credit Associations Act, be now read the first time.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

LABOUR CONDITIONS

MEASURES TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITIES—RECRUITING
OF STUDENTS

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance concerning the decline in employment opportunities, especially in certain parts of the country and in particular, perhaps, in connection with the reduction of recruiting activity on campuses and the decreasing prospect of students securing either temporary or permanent employment. I wonder whether we can expect the minister or one of his colleagues to make a statement at any early date outlining the measures which the government proposes to take with regard to these very serious problems.

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): I agree these are very serious problems and I should like to take the suggestion of the hon. gentleman under consideration.

Mr. H. Russell MacEwan (Central Nova): May I ask the minister—and this applies to all his cabinet colleagues—whether, when studying this matter, they would consider introducing a crash program to alleviate the heavy unemployment in the Atlantic provinces now running, I believe, at 10.1 per cent?

Mr. Benson: We always take very seriously suggestions by the hon. member.

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): In this regard, would the minister consider, too, reintroducing the federal shipbuilding subsidy which would be a great help in making employment opportunities available in the Atlantic shipyards used especially for the restoration of our fishing fleet on the east coast?

Mr. Benson: This is a matter which would have to be brought forward by the Minister of Industry, and I shall take it up with him.

Mr. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce): May I ask whether the government is still considering providing some assistance to