

Rural Development

Mr. Scott (Danforth): May I ask a further supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Would the minister complete his perusal of the document so we might question him on it when he appears before the committee on justice and legal affairs?

Mr. Drury: I will peruse it, Mr. Speaker.

PUBLIC WORKSLONG BRANCH, ONT.—PLACING OF FILL
IN LAKE ONTARIO

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Ralph Cowan (York-Humber): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Public Works. Inasmuch as the little village of Long Branch has decided to follow the lead of New Toronto in respect of the dumping of fill into lake Ontario, which is the senior level of government, the private developers, the village of Long Branch or the Department of Public Works?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member cannot ask the minister for a legal opinion.

Mr. Cowan: I would not welcome it from him anyway.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Cowan: Mr. Speaker, in an effort to prove to this house that the filling in of lake Ontario is not a laughing matter, may I ask whether the government is accepting the challenge of the village of Long Branch in defying the order of the engineering branch of the Department of Public Works to stop filling in the lake.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This second question is not acceptable because it is argumentative.

FISHERIESCOUNTRIES PERMITTED TO FISH WITHIN
12 MILE LIMIT

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Queens): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries. In view of the fact that he is reported as having said yesterday that Canada now is enforcing the 12 mile limit measured from the sinuosities of the coast against fishing vessels from certain countries, could the minister say how many countries or preferably which countries are still being allowed to fish within such 12 mile limit?

Hon. H. J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, the only countries which are still allowed to fish within the 12 mile limit are those countries which have entered into a treaty with Canada and those which have established a historic right. Perhaps the hon. member is prompted to ask his question in view of a press report this morning to the effect that the U.S.S.R. and Japan have such a right. The situation is not so.

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. Would the minister indicate which countries have been prevented?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It seems to me that both questions are out of order. Perhaps I should not have accepted the first question by the hon. member for Queens, because it is the type of question which relates to debate which might take place in the house and is one which normally should be placed on the order paper.

RURAL DEVELOPMENTPROVISION FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIAL AREAS

Hon. Maurice Sauvé (Minister of Forestry) moved the second reading of Bill No. C-151, to provide for the establishment of a fund for the economic and social development of special rural development areas.

He said: Mr. Speaker, the present bill, No. C-151, will establish a fund for economic development which will add greatly to the scope and flexibility of the ARDA program. Before examining the purposes and administration of this fund in more detail, I think it is desirable to describe the general context of the ARDA program so that hon. members will be able to see why such a fund is necessary and will see how the proposed fund can deal with the gap which now exists in the ARDA program.

Hon. members are familiar with the ARDA legislation which was amended this session. They are equally familiar with the program which has come into effect across Canada since the act was unanimously approved by parliament on June 21, 1961. Before proceeding further I should like to give appropriate recognition to the part played by the minister of agriculture of the day, the hon. member for Qu'Appelle (Mr. Hamilton), because I believe that ARDA is one of the most useful and well conceived pieces of legislation on the Canadian statute books.