

Inquiries of the Ministry

me that a debate under Standing Order 26 is the appropriate or the effective method for such a review.

I appreciate that the hon. member for York South might feel that it may be futile to debate the matter after the commission has taken a decision, but as the Chair stated on June 22, 1970, the normal functions of a statutory body in relation to an application for an increase in tolls should not constitute a matter for urgent debate under the provisions of Standing Order 26.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for York South.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Speaker: I apologize to the hon. member for York South. He will have to wait for the applause. The hon. Minister of the Environment is rising on a question of privilege.

Mr. Davis: On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. In the course of a carefully prepared address yesterday, I made no reference to extending anti-pollution activities 100 miles or 400 miles beyond our territorial limits. I did, in an early part of the speech, describe the extent of Canada's continental shelf, and those mileages which the Leader of the Opposition mentioned are the mileages which correspond to the outer limit of our shelf.

Mr. Speaker: Order. There seems to be debate as to what was said or what was not said, and that matter cannot be raised by the hon. gentleman or by the opposition as a question of privilege.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

POLLUTION

ALLEGED SUGGESTION CANADA EXTEND CONTROL ZONE—GOVERNMENT POLICY

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister. Was the Minister of the Environment stating government policy when he suggested that Canada would extend her pollution control zone 100 miles into the Pacific and 400 miles off the coast of Newfoundland? If this represents a statement of government policy, does the government propose to introduce legislation and might we expect to receive such legislation in the near future?

• (2:10 p.m.)

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am informed by the minister that he never made such a statement. I would be interested, for the record, to know where this quotation comes from.

Mr. Stanfield: It comes from a speech made by the Minister of the Environment yesterday; that is where it comes from.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Trudeau: Is the hon. member quoting the speech?

Mr. Stanfield: I was paraphrasing the speech.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, if I were to make a long quotation from the minister's speech the Prime Minister would be among the first to object.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Perhaps the Chair would be the first to object. The hon. Leader of the Opposition might like to ask a supplementary or to rephrase the question.

Mr. Trudeau: Quote his words.

Mr. Stanfield: I am asking the Prime Minister whether the Minister of the Environment was stating government policy when he said yesterday that Canada should extend her pollution control zone 100 miles into the Pacific and 400 miles off the coast of Newfoundland.

Mr. Trudeau: Not only was he not stating government policy, but he did not make the statement he is quoted as having made.

[Mr. Speaker.]

INQUIRY AS TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF REGULATIONS COVERING TERRITORIAL WATERS

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I have no intention of entering into debate. I should simply like to ask the Minister of Transport at this time whether he can indicate to the House when the government will be announcing the regulations necessary for it to fulfil its limited objective with regard to the control of pollution within our territorial waters.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): I anticipate it will be within a matter of a few weeks. I cannot give the hon. member an exact date but a draft has been prepared and circulated to the various interested parties for comment. I do not anticipate there will be a delay of more than a few weeks.

Mr. Speaker: I think the Chair should recognize the hon. member for York South.

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COMMUNICATIONS

SALE OF SUBSCRIPTION LISTS OF TORONTO "TELEGRAM" TO "STAR"—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION.

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Solicitor General. Can the minister inform the House whether personnel of the R.C.M.P. and/or personnel of any department of government have been ordered to investigate, and whether they are investigating, the books and related documents of the defunct Toronto *Telegram* concerning the manner in which it sold its subscription lists and goodwill to the Toronto *Star*, or any related subjects?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of that, but I will be glad to inquire and report to the hon. member.