

Mr. Lundrigan: Are the 50,000 seals from the gulf harvest part of Canada's total quota of 100,000 seals? I ask this question in view of the fact that we only closed the gulf area as part of Canada's waters about one month ago.

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): My understanding is that the gulf is an area exclusive to Canada and that the division is made in international waters off the Labrador front.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

SPECIAL PLAN FOR RURAL NEWFOUNDLAND

Mr. Frank Moores (Bonavista-Trinity-Conception): I have a question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. Has the minister's department prepared a special plan for rural Newfoundland to include those areas not presently included in the special areas legislation?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Moores: A supplementary question. The premier of Newfoundland has announced that there will be a special plan, Mr. Speaker. Has the premier of Newfoundland advised the minister of this?

[Translation]

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, as I have often said permanent negotiations are carried on in this connection with the various premiers and as soon as we come to an understanding the House will be informed.

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FISHERIES

AGREEMENT WITH SOVIET UNION RESPECTING FISHING OFF PACIFIC COAST

Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. Will the minister advise where matters now stand with respect to the conclusion of the two-year interim agreement with the Soviet Union with regard to the west coast fisheries? What further steps have to be taken in order to bring about the final completion of this agreement?

Mr. Speaker: It seems to me that this information might better be given to the House by way of a general statement on motions. However, the minister might like to reply briefly to the question.

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, we have a delegation in Moscow at the present time. The main purpose of the meeting with the Soviet government is to sign the agreement which was negotiated late last fall with the support of the industry.

Inquiries of the Ministry

REFERENCE OF AGREEMENT WITH SOVIET UNION TO COMMITTEE

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Earlier I asked the minister a question with respect to the meetings at which this draft agreement was negotiated. At that time the minister was asked in the House whether he would take steps to have the two draft agreements, I believe, referred to the standing committee for examination. He said he would gladly do that. Can the minister inform us when this will be done?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Immediately after it is signed, Mr. Speaker.

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WELFARE

GOVERNMENT GRANT TO CONFERENCE ON POVERTY

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): I have a question for the Minister without Portfolio. Has the minister's department in any way subsidized the conference on poverty?

Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister without Portfolio): The citizenship branch of the Department of Secretary of State made a grant of \$5,000 as part of the financing of the conference in Toronto, if that is the one to which the hon. member is referring.

Mr. MacInnis: A supplementary question. Since there has been a grant of \$5,000 made to this conference, will the government provide the House with the names of the organizations or individuals who made this request to the government?

Mr. Stanbury: I can certainly convey that information to the hon. member in so far as it concerns the citizenship branch.

Mr. MacInnis: The minister indicated that he will convey that information. Will he do it at once, please?

Mr. Speaker: I hope the hon. member is not suggesting these names should be given at this time to the House.

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GRAIN

BARLEY—ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN GRADE AS FEED

Mr. Craig Stewart (Marquette): I wish to direct my question to the minister in charge of the Canadian Wheat Board. Because of complaints by western farmers that at many delivery points barley graded as 3 C.W. is being accepted as only No. 1 or No. 2 feed, which affects the price by at least ten cents a bushel, what action does the government plan?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member will give me details of the charges he is making, I will be glad to have them investigated.