

## Oral Questions

[Translation]

## INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

**Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, since the rainy weather concerns quite a number of people, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of the Environment.

As the Weather Modification Information Act, c. 59 of the Statutes for 1970-71-72 was assented to on December 15, 1971, will the minister advise the House whether this act will be proclaimed in the near future?

[English]

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment):** I will check, Mr. Speaker, but this legislation has to do simply with the gathering of information.

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## CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

DISPUTE WITH UNITED TRANSPORTATION UNION  
TRAINMEN—APPOINTMENT OF CONCILIATION BOARD

**Mr. B. Keith Penner (Thunder Bay):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Labour. I should like to ask the minister if he is now in a position to tell the House how soon the conciliation board will be established to assist in the contract negotiations between United Transportation Union trainmen and Canadian National Railways?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, I would advise the hon. member that the conciliation board has been appointed with reference to that dispute and, further, that it is presently being staffed.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

RELEASE FOR SALE OF PRODUCT PACKED BY MUTUAL  
MARINE LIMITED

**Mr. Charles E. Haliburton (South Western Nova):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of the Environment. The *Halifax Herald* on Friday last reported the Minister of the Environment as having said he would initiate a special investigation into the circumstances surrounding the condemning of a product packed by Mutual Marine Limited and the closure of that plant. Can the minister advise the House whether such an investigation has been undertaken and is he yet able to tell the House if the product will be released?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment):** Mr. Speaker, an investigation has been carried out. The product that was packed has been cleared for sale. However, the company has been warned that it must not pack that product with the wrong labelling again.

[Mr. Speaker.]

QU'APPELLE BASIN STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS—  
REQUEST FOR SPECIAL GRANTS TO REGINA AND MOOSE  
JAW

**Mr. Doug Neil (Moose Jaw):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of the Environment. In view of the recommendations contained in the Qu'Appelle Basin study, three quarters of which are to be carried out within the next one to three years, and in view of the fact this report requires unusually large expenditures on the part of the cities of Regina and Moose Jaw, will the minister advise whether his department is considering special grants to these cities and, if not, will he study the matter with a view to making special grants to them?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment):** Mr. Speaker, this matter has been discussed in depth with the province of Saskatchewan. I can tell the hon. member that we are not prepared to make special arrangements but it is hoped that federal funding can be made available under ongoing programs.

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## FISHERIES

ASSISTANCE TO PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND FISHERMEN  
FOLLOWING STORM LOSSES

**Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Fisheries. Has he received any communication or request for assistance from the government of Prince Edward Island with regard to serious losses of gear, reputed to be of disastrous proportions, suffered by inshore fishermen of the province in last weekend's storm?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, from, among others, the Hon. Dan MacDonald.

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## NATIONAL REVENUE

ALLEGED REQUEST TO THOMAS LINDSAY AND SONS TO  
PREPARE PLANS FOR SUFFERANCE WAREHOUSE IN  
VANCOUVER

**Mr. John Reynolds (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta):** Mr. Speaker, my question is supplementary to that asked by the hon. member for New Westminster of the Minister of National Revenue. The minister stated there were not plans for another sufferance in Vancouver. Yet his department just one week ago told Thomas Lindsay and Sons to prepare plans. Why would this department tell them to prepare plans for a sufferance warehouse if there are no plans for another warehouse?

**Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, there was no such order given to any firm. That company has apparently asked for the opportunity to submit plans and we are quite prepared to look at plans from any firm.