

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, this shows the difficulty involved in forming impressions. Reading the speech of the distinguished government representative in the Senate, my impression was that he said that there were on the legislative books in Canada a number of ways and means that could be used to counter the DISC program. That is what I think he said. It showed how well informed he was.

**Mr. Douglas:** If the government leader in the Senate knows what steps are to be taken, may I assume that the minister knows what steps are to be taken, and will he tell the House what those steps are, either now or on motions on Monday?

**Mr. Pepin:** Mr. Speaker, if my hon. friend will again read the speech given by the government leader in the Senate at that time, he will find a number of ways and means that the Canadian government could use. I think Mr. Martin was specific on some of these.

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**FISHERIES****ATLANTIC SALMON FISHERY CLOSURES—RESPONSE OF FISHERMEN AT MEETING WITH MINISTER**

**Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries. I have read with interest the minister's statement as presented to the New Brunswick commercial salmon fishermen in Chatham, New Brunswick, yesterday. In view of the economic impact on Atlantic Canada brought about by the closing of the commercial salmon fishery, would the minister make a brief statement on the response of the fishermen yesterday to his proposals?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries):** Mr. Speaker, I can say very briefly now that the fishermen were very interested in the scheme for compensation which the government is advancing. They are interested in monitoring the recovery of the rivers and of course they are very anxious to see us get the Danes to stop fishing off west Greenland immediately.

**ATLANTIC SALMON FISHERY CLOSURES—RESTRICTIONS ON ANGLING**

**Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. Even though there may be certain provincial responsibility in the matter, can the minister state whether there will be restrictions on angling, particularly in New Brunswick?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries):** Mr. Speaker, there are already restrictions on angling, as the hon. member knows. We intend to have conversations with the province, which is responsible for administering upstream angling licences.

[Mr. Douglas.]

**ATLANTIC SALMON FISHERY CLOSURES—PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL AND RESTORATION OF DEPLETED RIVERS**

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Fisheries whether he can assure the House that, with the provision of additional funds, additional personnel will be hired to assist the river wardens in the inspection and supervision of existing rivers? Could the minister also assure the House that a program to restore depleted rivers in eastern Canada will be undertaken?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries):** Mr. Speaker, I think I can give the House those assurances. I should also like to mention that in the use of funds for compensation we intend to employ as many fishermen as possible both for policing the rivers and helping us to help rehabilitate the runs.

**ATLANTIC SALMON FISHERY CLOSURES—MEASURES TO CLEAN UP POLLUTION IN RIVERS**

**Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Fisheries whether as a result of his visit to New Brunswick and his discussion with the fishermen there he gathered any fresh information on what measures should be taken to speed the clean-up of pollution of such rivers as the Miramichi in order to make anti-pollution measures more effective?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries):** Mr. Speaker, I told the fishermen that more than \$30 million had already been spent on pollution abatement in the three rivers affected, the Saint John, the Miramichi and the Restigouche, that the annual operating costs of these facilities were in excess of \$5 million a year, that this effort was having an effect already, and that the \$5 million annual expenditure exceeds the present gross value of the commercial fishery in the total Atlantic area by a ratio of more than two to one.

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**THE CANADIAN ECONOMY****FOREIGN INVESTMENT—DATE OF STATEMENT ON GOVERNMENT POLICY**

**Mr. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Revenue. When will the government be in a position to issue a statement on foreign investment?

**Some hon. Members:** Author!

**Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, I intend to make a statement on this matter this coming Tuesday.

**FOREIGN INVESTMENT—INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION**

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, in making this statement will the minister indicate whether