

United States money markets? If so, is it the policy of the government to encourage further provincial borrowings in the United States?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): No, Mr. Speaker, I do not accept the premise of the question. We are certainly not encouraging the provinces to borrow in the United States.

Mr. Alexander: In light of the concern expressed by the treasurer of Ontario that federal borrowing policies are now leaving little room for the provinces and municipalities to borrow in the Canadian market, is the minister prepared to meet the other two levels of government and agree upon a co-operative use of the Canadian money market?

Mr. Benson: Mr. Speaker, I think the treasurer of Ontario did not fully understand the situation when he made that remark.

Mr. Alexander: In light of the confusion with respect to priorities in this country regarding the constitution or economic policies, would the minister use his influence to flip-flop what the Acting Prime Minister has said in order to make certain that economic policies are dealt with at the forthcoming federal-provincial conference?

An hon. Member: That is mostly a flop.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre.

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POST OFFICE

EXTENSION OF NEW POSTAL CODE SYSTEM TO OTHER AREAS

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the soon-to-be Postmaster General.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Can the hon. gentleman say how soon the new postal code system will be extended to other areas in Canada so that those who receive letters from us will not be mystified by the six-character code that we put on our letters?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, we had to start with one city. We started with Ottawa. Studies are being conducted throughout the country and soon all cities will be codified.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PRESENCE OF JAPANESE VESSELS FISHING FOR SALMON OFF GREENLAND

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Acting Prime Minister in his capacity as Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Government Organization Act, 1970

Can he say whether the department has any evidence that at the moment a number of Japanese vessels are fishing for salmon off Greenland on the high seas, along with the Danes, and that this is the first evidence of the presence of fishing vessels of Japan in that part of the world?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): No, Mr. Speaker. I thank the hon. member for the intelligence.

Mr. Lundrigan: Mr. Speaker, I am glad the minister has acquired some intelligence because he is in dire need of it. Would he take the question under advisement, no matter where the intelligence came from? Would he investigate the probability of the presence of Japanese fishing vessels and seriously and sensibly make an official Canadian response to this very serious and chronic problem?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I always consider very carefully what the hon. gentleman says.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION ACT, 1970

PROVISIONS RESPECTING DEPARTMENTAL REORGANIZATION, MINISTRIES OF STATE, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES, ETC.

On the order:

May 25, 1971—Third reading of Bill C-207, an act respecting the organization of the government of Canada and matters related or incidental thereto.—*the Prime Minister.*

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Mr. Mackasey, for Mr. Drury, seconded by Mr. Richardson, moves that Bill C-207, an act respecting the organization of the government of Canada and matters related or incidental thereto, be now read the third time and do pass.

Mr. McCleave: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Since the minister is in the House, why was the motion not moved in his name?

Mr. Speaker: The point is well taken. The Chair did not notice the presence of the learned and distinguished minister. Perhaps the record might be amended to indicate that the motion is put in the name of the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Drury), seconded by the Minister of Supply and Services (Mr. Richardson).

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, speaking to the same point of order, perhaps the record ought to show that the bill stands in the name of the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau).

Mr. Speaker: I am sure hon. members recognize that the bill stands in the name of the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) and not in the name of the minister moving the motion.