

*Inquiries of the Ministry***TRANSPORT****IMPOSITION OF SURCHARGE ON CARGOES
BETWEEN EUROPE AND VANCOUVER**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Ron Basford (Vancouver-Burrard): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Would the minister refer to the restrictive trade practices commission the action of the European-Pacific coast freight conference in imposing a 10 per cent surcharge on ship cargoes between Vancouver and European ports, so they can investigate this price fixing conspiracy?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I am not sure whether this would be a very efficacious way of dealing with the problem, but I do regret very much that this conference has seen fit to penalize the harbour of Vancouver in this way without any prior consultation whatsoever with the National Harbours Board. We have asked for an explanation of this and protested as strongly as we can.

CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD**POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF JURISDICTION TO
RYE AND FLAXSEED**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. Nasserden (Rosthern): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Trade and Commerce which arises out of the statement he made today regarding the final payments for oats and barley. In light of the progress that has been made in this regard, is the government now considering moving rye and flaxseed within the operations of the Canadian Wheat Board?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, this is a matter that has been under continuing consideration for some time, and the government will continue to consider it.

EXPO '67**STATEMENT ON DISMISSAL OF MEMBER OF
YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, while I am on my feet may I answer a question asked the other day by the hon. member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce about the dismissal of Mr. Harvey Oberfeld from his position on the youth advisory council. The hon. member asked whether this was due to criticism of the hiring policies

[Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria).]

at Expo in connection with the youth pavilion.

On looking into this matter, Mr. Speaker, I have been informed that Mr. Oberfeld was dismissed by the youth advisory committee, which committee is completely independent of the Canadian Corporation for the 1967 World Exhibition. The reasons for the dismissal have not been communicated to Expo but I understand they related to certain comments he made to the press without the authorization of his employers.

COAL**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON NEGOTIATIONS
WITH JAPAN**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lawrence E. Kindt (Macleod): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. I apologize for doing so because he has been very much overworked today.

Negotiations are supposed to be taking place between the coal operators in the Crowsnest pass area and Japanese officials with respect to new contracts and larger shipments of coal exports from Canada to Japan. Has the minister anything to report on these new negotiations?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, may I make one point first; the minister of energy can never be overworked. In answer to the question may I say that negotiations are taking place at this time regarding the export of coal to Japan, but the government is not in command; these negotiations are being carried on by industry. I think it is well understood by everyone concerned, particularly by the Japanese, that these exports must be made without federal subsidies.

SHIPPING**BOILER ROOM EXPLOSION ON "NIXON BERRY";
CAPSIZING OF "MANSEAU 101"**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether I could direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Has he appointed or does he intend to appoint a commission of inquiry into an explosion in the boiler room of the ship *Nixon Berry* which resulted in one person dying in hospital subsequent to the explosion?

I wonder whether I could take a leaf out of the cabinet's book and while I am on my feet