

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****LEADER OF CANADIAN DELEGATION TO NEXT LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE**

**Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate):** Mr. Speaker, it is disappointing that there should be a few gallons of Syncrude thrown among our fisheries questions. We do not often deal with questions about fish, and it certainly spoils the continuity of any attack the opposition can mount upon the government.

May I ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs who will be leading the delegation Canada is sending to the Law of the Sea Conference? Will it be himself, or officials of his department, or will it be the Minister of the Environment and his officials? Who will be presenting the official Canadian position?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** It will be the official Canadian position on this side of the House. I do not know about the other side. We speak with one voice and we will be adequately represented by officials of all the departments concerned. As to which minister will voice the views of a united cabinet, I am not quite certain yet. I am sure the ministers will be able to agree without any difficulty whatever.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. In spite of the hon. member's admonition a moment ago suggesting we should continue with the same subject, I think we ought to take other considerations into account. For the moment, the Chair recognizes the hon. member for Drummond. I appreciate that the hon. member wishes to ask a supplementary and also the hon. member for Skeena and others.

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**NEW HORIZONS PROGRAM****DELAY IN APPROVING PROJECTS**

**Mr. Jean-Marie Boisvert (Drummond):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Does he intend to alter the process for the approval of projects submitted under the New Horizons Program in order to enable senior citizens to obtain answers before six months, as it happens from time to time?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, a large number of applications have been submitted for such projects and the consideration of these applications must be very serious and thorough; it requires frequent consultations with the groups which applied. Thus fairly extended delays are unavoidable.

*Oral Questions*

[English]

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****REQUEST THAT WHITE PAPER ON CANADIAN POSITION AT NEXT LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE WHEN TABLED**

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** My supplementary question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs has to do with the document he proposes to present to the House within a week, I think he said. Would he be prepared, immediately on doing so, to present a motion to refer this document to the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry in order that, hopefully, we might have the benefit of the views of all sections of the House with respect to it?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** That was the original purpose, as I stated to the House, and that is my intention.

**Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore):** My question has largely been answered, Mr. Speaker; it had to do with the controversy which seems to rage between the Minister of Fisheries and the Secretary of State for External Affairs with regard to the position to be taken at the Law of the Sea Conference. What we realize is that the Minister of Fisheries is endeavouring to learn the views of the fishermen—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. It is my impression the hon. member said his question had been answered. If he does have a question to ask, I recognize him for that purpose.

**Mr. Crouse:** My question is this: what opportunity will be presented to the Parliament of Canada and to the Official Opposition to make some input into the proposals which will be advanced by Canada whenever this conference is held?

**Mr. Sharp:** Let me clarify the position again, as I did during the early part of this session. The government has now completed one round of consultations with the provinces. It now intends to present a paper which will be the subject of discussion in the parliamentary committee before which, of course, people from all parts of the country can appear and make representations. It is our desire not only to represent the views of the cabinet but, I hope, those of all parties in Canada.

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**AIR CANADA****REQUEST THAT CANADIAN AEROSPACE INDUSTRY BE CONSIDERED IN PURCHASE OF NEW PLANES**

**Mr. Reg Stackhouse (Scarborough East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Transport. Having regard to Air Canada's announced intention to buy the Lockheed L-1011 in preference to the Douglas DC-10, and the possibility that Air Canada may purchase the Boeing 727 instead of increasing its fleet of Douglas DC-9s by acquiring the new and larger series 50 model, and in view of the harm this could do to the employment situation in the Canadian aerospace industry, will the minister