

Inquiries of the Ministry

as to the application of salmon fishing licences in southern Newfoundland resulting in the embarrassment of a number of fishermen, could the minister investigate the situation and ensure that the men in question will receive every consideration in the judicial proceedings?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): As the hon. member knows, Mr. Speaker, there has been a great increase in the number of fishermen taking salmon in the Port aux Basques area. We have limited the number of licences. However, if there are individual cases which the hon. member wishes to bring to our attention we will be glad to review them.

[Later:]

CATCHING OF ATLANTIC SALMON BY DANISH FISHERMEN—CANADIAN POSITION

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. Could he indicate whether Canada has been successful in having Denmark completely withdraw from the high seas salmon fishing? If not, can the minister indicate whether the restrictive rules on Canadian high seas salmon fishing will be relaxed so that Canada will at least be in a competitive position?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): As the hon. member knows, our policy is no fishing for salmon on the high seas. I do not think it would be appropriate for us to relax our regulations with respect to Canadian fishermen on the high seas.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION IN PRESENT SESSION

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Veterans Affairs. In view of the fact that the minister indicated to the Royal Canadian Legion yesterday that legislation respecting veterans affairs will not come in until the next session, may I ask if this covers all items of veterans legislation or could steps be taken in this session on matters concerning which there has been complete agreement, such as measures affecting Hong Kong veterans?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I was referring, of course, to the white paper on disability pen-

[Mr. Marshall.]

sions which is before the committee at the present time. I understand that the committee will start to prepare its report on Thursday. As soon as we have received the report from the committee it will be sent to cabinet for study. It would be very difficult to have that completed before the end of June. I presume that next fall we would be able to enact legislation based on the committee's report.

IMMIGRATION

ALLEGED ADMISSION OF EUROPEANS WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the charge made yesterday by Inspector Kelly of the RCMP that Europeans with criminal records are being permitted to enter Canada without security checks, has the minister looked into this matter? If so, what action does he plan to take?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I have not had an opportunity to look into the matter. These checks are normally conducted for us by the security people. I have no evidence that there has been any influx of criminals from Europe. I will check further into the matter.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

SPEECH BY MINISTER OF ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES IN DENVER—GOVERNMENT POLICY

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): I ask the Prime Minister whether he has noticed that in his absence the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources has become the biggest Canadian of all? Has the Prime Minister had an opportunity to read what admittedly was a very long speech by the minister in Denver? If so, can the Prime Minister state whether it represents a statement of government policy?

Mr. Speaker: It seems to me this question was asked of at least one Acting Prime Minister.

An hon. Member: This is "the real thing".

Mr. Speaker: I wonder whether it would be in order to ask the question even of the real thing.