

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Yes, Sir, they will be public hearings. I should indicate that it will still be entirely relevant to determine the appropriate level of reserves and therefore the surplus available for export notwithstanding the decision with regard to a multi-price system. There may be a request from some of the parties involved for perhaps a month's delay to prepare for hearings, but they will be public.

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[Translation]

**CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION
SUGGESTED ABOLITION**

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Prime Minister and before doing so, I am raising a question of privilege.

Yesterday and the day before I was invited by the CBC interviewers to go to room 130S. On the English network, I was questioned about the famous motion introduced by the Progressive Conservative party Monday last. On the French network last night, I was questioned about the present unemployment rate in Canada. Those two issues were truly national. Now neither of those interviews were broadcast by the CBC, while last evening, René Levesque, who has nothing to do at the national level, was shown in colour stating his family allowance scheme for Quebec if one day he became the government leader.

Now, I will put my question to the Prime Minister. When he told me a couple of years ago that he would eventually put the key on the joint, the CBC, is he now prepared to finally do so on this separatist, socialist joint, the CBC?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member is no doubt aware of the fact that I share the use of this key with all parliamentarians. He knows also that a committee of this House has had the opportunity of reviewing this matter. I was not myself present at these committee meetings, but I thought I had detected the impression, at least among many members, that if all was not perfect on the French side, things were going a lot better than during the bad years of 1968 and 1969 and that it was rather on the English network that the New Left was heard all too often on the air.

I ask the hon. member: Was it on the English or the French network that they did not refer to his statements?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member might perhaps put a supplementary question if he wishes.

Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: I apologize to the hon. member for Témiscamingue. The hon. member for Ottawa West on a point of order.

[English]

Mr. Reilly: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Discussion of this kind with respect to an independent Crown corporation such as the CBC is most inappropriate—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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Mr. Reilly:—coming from that government or any other government. Talking about locking doors, as a former employee of the CBC I can tell you it will not work even if they had the guts to try it, which they do not.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. We do not appear to be making very much progress.

[Translation]

The hon. member might ask his supplementary question, after which we will try to come back to the first subject matter and to the supplementaries that hon. members wish to ask.

Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, although the hon. member for Ottawa West says that it is a Crown corporation, it is nevertheless subjected to the laws of parliament.

I would ask the Prime Minister, in view of the fact that my statement made a moment ago prompted applause from every corner of the House, does he think he has actually the right key to put on the door of this separatist and socialistic joint, the CBC?

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Is the Leader of the Opposition rising on a supplementary question?

[Translation]

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I would suggest to the hon. member that perhaps the answer he gave last night was not comprehensive enough.

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[English]

FINANCE

**REASONS FOR INCREASE IN BANK INTEREST RATES ON
FISHERIES IMPROVEMENT LOANS**

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question to the question of the Leader of the Opposition to the Minister of Finance. When the minister is getting information for the Leader of the Opposition on small business loans, would he also investigate the reasons why the banks, which made loans under the Fisheries Improvement Loans Act between 1971 and 1973 at an interest rate as low as 6¼ per cent, are now charging fishermen as much as 8 per cent?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Without accepting those allegations, may I say that the hon. gentleman is certainly entitled to some clarification.

**INQUIRY AS TO LEGISLATION RESPECTING SMALL
BUSINESS**

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is for the Minister of Finance. Can he indicate to the House when we can expect the legislation to deal with small business announced and promised last July, I believe, by the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce?