

**Mr. McCain:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a comment. Some of us in this House have particular industries at heart, and as the Hon. Member for Gander-Twillingate (Mr. Baker) has stated, this is one of the industries I have at heart as it is one of the industries he has at heart. However, I would like to point out one thing. The position in which the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. Fraser) presently finds himself is one which he inherited. Many of the things with which he must deal are things which I have opposed.

On the other hand, I must say that the Hon. Member for Gander-Twillingate, whose positions and opinions I very highly respect and for whose kind remarks I am thankful, found himself voting for things which put the fishery industry in the position in which it presently finds itself. How this will be corrected, I cannot say.

I do not have an idea of how the errors of the ways of 15 years of Fisheries Ministers under Mr. Trudeau can be corrected in any short period of time or how one can get the people in the Department to recognize that there has been a change and that some of the old methods do not work. For instance, the appraisal of stocks must be revised so that when there are fish in the sea to be caught, our processors do not have to go to the Baltic to buy fish while our own fish swim away under uninhibited fishing restrictions.

These are the things with which the Minister finds himself faced. He inherited these things. I hope that the Hon. Member for Gander-Twillingate and the Hon. Member for Egmont (Mr. Henderson) will be as helpful in trying to reconstruct a fishing industry and a Ministry with a progressive and constructive program as they were in supporting the legislation which put the present Minister in the position in which he now finds himself.

**Mr. Baker:** Mr. Speaker, in the limited time available, I have two brief comments to make. It is quite correct that the present Minister of Fisheries and Oceans did inherit certain things. He inherited the fishing vessel insurance scheme with which he is now doing away, research stations which he is now closing and scientific fishery experts whom he is now terminating. I would have to agree with the hon. gentleman in that respect.

**Mr. Skelly:** Mr. Speaker, I think one of the constructive things that has come out of this rather arduous debate is the development of a new method. In the short period that I have been here, I do not recall too many other occasions on which we have managed to find a way around an impasse. I think the Government has made a unique and very constructive offer to find a way around this impasse. I know my Liberal colleagues are interested in co-operating with the Government to see if we cannot begin to work on the problems away from the Chamber while allowing the House to continue its business. I am extremely pleased by the offer that has come forward from the Government and we certainly appreciate the opportunity to look at the matter in committee.

### *Bretton Woods Agreements Act*

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** Mr. Speaker, I have been apprised of the situation which has developed during the course of debate. There have been discussions with the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. Fraser) and the critics of the opposition Parties. I have heard them address the issue of how we may deal with this Bill. Therefore, although I believe it requires the unanimous consent of the House, I am quite prepared, on the basis of that understanding, to propose that we adjourn debate on this matter and deal with Bill C-30.

It is the undertaking of the Minister to appear before the appropriate committee to have a full discussion with members of that committee regarding the questions that have been raised by members of the Opposition. After the appropriate committee hearings, I will then take the advice of and consult with opposition House Leaders about further discussion on this Bill.

I therefore propose that, on that understanding, we adjourn this debate and move on to Bill C-30. The Minister will indeed appear before the members of the committee and discuss the points that have been raised during the course of this debate.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent to agree to the House Leader's proposition?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Very well. It is agreed.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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### BRETTON WOODS AGREEMENTS ACT

#### MEASURE TO AMEND

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council) (for Mrs. McDougall)** moved that Bill C-30, an Act to amend the Bretton Woods Agreements Act and to repeal the International Development Association Act and amend certain Acts in consequence thereof, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

He said: Mr. Speaker, the Minister of State for Finance (Mrs. McDougall) is unavailable at this time so I call upon the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lanthier) to make an address regarding second reading, and then we can carry on with debate.

● (1230)

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**Mr. Claude Lanthier (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of presenting Bill C-30 on second reading. The purpose of this Bill is to amend the Bretton Woods Agreements Act, and it does so in three ways. First of all, it provides the necessary legislation to authorize participation by Canada in the International