

loyalty and duty are to Canadian fishermen, not to foreign fishermen. Two weeks ago, for instance, our own inspectors brought to my attention that a foreign fleet was over-fishing. We immediately ordered that fleet to go to St. John's for inspection. One of the boats left the 200-mile zone and did not go to St. John's Harbour as requested.

The allegations that foreign fleets are over-fishing and are not fishing according to signed agreements are something that we monitor very closely. I will not start commenting publicly on every allegation made because allegations have to be verified and checked before a public statement is made. However, I can assure the Hon. Member that our fishing inspectors go on board vessels to make sure they are fishing in our waters according to the Department's regulations.

EFFECT OF VANCOUVER ISLAND COAL DEVELOPMENT—  
NECESSITY FOR PUBLIC HEARING

**Hon. John A. Fraser (Vancouver South):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. My first question relates to the Quinsam coal development on Vancouver Island. As the Minister will know, there has been considerable discussion on whether or not there should be a public hearing before that project goes ahead. In the original discussions between the Minister's own officials and the officials of the Province of British Columbia, was there an indication given by Fisheries Department officials that the proposal was satisfactory enough not to require a public hearing?

**Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans):** Madam Speaker, I stated on the occasion of my first visit to British Columbia several months ago that I think it essential for all major projects that a public hearing be held so that promoters and all groups, like other interested parties, are able to put forward their points of view. In that regard I was very happy that the Minister of the Environment for British Columbia said publicly that he is in agreement with a public hearing, particularly on the Quinsam project, and I fully support his stand.

PEARSE REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

**Hon. John A. Fraser (Vancouver South):** Madam Speaker, my second question concerns the Pearse Report. News reports of the Minister's recent visit to British Columbia indicate that a significant number of the Pearse Report recommendations and suggestions will, in fact, be accepted by the Minister and his Department. Could the Minister tell us how soon the exact list of those recommendations will be made available to this House and to the public?

**Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans):** Madam Speaker, this is a very reasonable suggestion. I will certainly discuss with the Hon. Member the proper forum through which a full report will be made concerning all the decisions relating to the Pearse Report.

*Oral Questions*

**NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM**

PRICE OF DOMESTIC OIL—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River):** Madam Speaker, my question today is for the Minister of Finance. It deals with the subject of economic recovery. I would like to point out that the only thing remaining of the national energy policy, which is in wreckage right now, is a promise by the Government to maintain Canadian oil prices lower than the world rate. If that Government promise is lived up to then farmers, fishermen, manufacturers and small businesses will all get a shot in the arm and we will see a more rapid recovery in Canada. Is the Minister prepared to stand up in the House and indicate that he and the Government are prepared to live up to this promise and that it will be a major factor in economic recovery?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Finance):** Madam Speaker, I would like to send a copy of the National Energy Program to my friend. It might be helpful. He might read it.

**Mr. Waddell:** Don't get arrogant, Marc.

**Mr. Lalonde:** He will find out that the Canadianization program, for instance, under the National Energy Program has been a tremendous success. He will find that Canadian ownership has increased quite significantly in the last two years.

**Mr. Broadbent:** What about pricing?

**Mr. Lalonde:** He will find also that the program of conservation has been extremely successful, that people are now conserving energy much more than before, thanks to the National Energy Program—

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Lalonde:**—and a number of other initiatives under that Program are indeed working very well.

**Mr. Broadbent:** He is asking about price.

**Mr. Lalonde:** Sure, he asks about price, but the Hon. Member prefaced his question with a number of wrong assertions. Surely I am entitled to state the facts and correct the record, notwithstanding the interventions of the Leader of the New Democratic Party. If he wants us to answer questions, the Leader of the NDP should please tell his colleagues to ask questions and to stop giving preambles that are completely wrong, otherwise we will be forced to use Question Period to correct preambles before addressing questions.

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

**Mr. Lalonde:** As far as the question raised by the Hon. Member is concerned, there are agreements in operation with the Government of Alberta, the Government of Saskatchewan, and the Government of British Columbia. Under these agreements Canadians are benefiting from lower oil prices than if we were governed by international prices. That regime has