

## FISHERIES

### SALMON FISHING ON ATLANTIC COAST—POSSIBILITY OF COMMERCIAL OPERATION

**Mr. Maurice A. Dionne (Northumberland-Miramichi):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Fisheries and the Environment. I shall try to put it without making a speech. I wonder if the minister can inform the House if a final decision has been taken with regard to a commercial salmon fishing season on the Atlantic coast next fishing season? If so, has the manner and form of that season been decided or is it subject to negotiation with the fishermen?

**Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of Fisheries and the Environment):** Mr. Speaker, the decision to open a modest commercial salmon fishing season on the east coast, where it had been banned for six years, has been taken in principle. I am awaiting the latest reports from the biologists about the escapement of this year's run. The manner in which this re-opening would take place is the subject of consultation with fishermen and fishermen's organizations on the east coast. I hope we can arrive at a unanimous agreement.

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## RESOURCES

### MINING—SUGGESTED REMOVAL OF DOUBLE TAXATION

**Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and follows the line of questioning by the hon. member for Don Valley on Friday and today. In view of the situation at Sudbury and Thompson, and soon in all mining communities in Canada, in view of the fact that the new government of British Columbia has reduced its taxes on mining, in view of the fact that the new government in Manitoba indicated its intention to reduce the high taxes on mining in that province, will the minister ask the Minister of Finance to consider removing the double taxation on the mining industry which was imposed in 1974 in the budget brought in by John Turner? This is one of the reasons our mining industry is not competitive, taxwise, with other countries.

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**Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I would agree with the hon. member that there are instances in certain provinces where the combined federal and provincial tax rates clearly indicate a major disincentive to that industry and in those provinces. As a result of a significant study, we have brought the situation to the attention of various provincial mines ministers and finance ministers across the country. I hope that, as a result of that study and the work we have been doing in my department with various provincial governments, other provincial governments will act. If the hon. member were to talk to industry, he would find that there is no major complaint with the federal govern-

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ment tax level. The complaint is with respect to certain provincial tax levels which discourage mining investment.

**Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, I will repeat my question. Will the federal government offer to the provincial governments their proposal to reduce the double taxation imposed on these companies because of the quarrel between the civil servants in Ottawa and the civil servants in the provinces over who will get the most from the mining industry. My question is simply this: Will the minister, on behalf of the mining industry, recommend to the Minister of Finance the ending of double taxation imposed by the Turner budget of 1974?

**Mr. Gillespie:** Mr. Speaker, I will have to repeat a part of my answer because I made it quite clear to the hon. member that the federal tax level is below the provincial levels. If, in the words of the hon. member, there is double taxation of the industry, then I would say to him that there is a very simple solution. Those provinces which have a combined tax level which is significantly higher than that in other provinces and than that, perhaps, in some other jurisdictions, have it within their power to reduce their tax level so that the combined tax level in this country would be a more propitious one.

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## ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

### SUGGESTED REVISION OF MANDATORY PAROLE PROVISION

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Justice. In light of the fact that a prisoner in the province of Ontario has just been released on mandatory parole—as set out by the law over which the minister and his department and the Solicitor General have no control—is it the intention of the government to amend that section of the law so that in cases such as this one, where a prisoner with a long record of sex crimes and who is now under police surveillance in two towns in Ontario, could be brought either before a judicial body or someone who would have the power either to grant or not to grant parole as was laid down in Bill C-51 last session?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Justice):** As I understand it, in the case to which the hon. member referred, the man had served his sentence and was therefore, by operation of law, released from the penitentiary. As the hon. member knows, in the last session of parliament in Bill C-51, we amended the law to do away with statutory remission by which people could earn a reduction in their sentence simply by serving it and that statutory remission, as of October 15, has been done away with. People now have to earn any remission by good behaviour. In that same legislation we implemented the revision of the dangerous offenders section which also came into operation on October 15.

**Mr. Woolliams:** The minister is well aware of the fact that one of the most difficult charges to prove is the habitual