

On the West Coast of Canada fishermen must pay moorage fees. Those fees are becoming excessive. The Government recently doubled those fees. However, on the East Coast of Canada there are very few fishermen who pay moorage fees.

We are debating whether the motion to hoist is appropriate. In the presentation of the Hon. Member for Humboldt-Lake Centre it was made very clear that the motion was appropriate. It will allow the Minister a chance to explain what guidelines and co-management mechanisms will be created. We have allowed the Minister and members of the Government an opportunity to explain why the lapses in fairness exist, such as the horrendous discriminatory situation of the moorage rates. It is absolutely untenable that an inequity which was placed in position by the previous Government would be continued by a Government whose sacred trust was fairness and openness. That does not exist.

On broken promises and fairness I believe the Government has failed very seriously. Government Members sit in shock wondering at the reason why a simple Bill such as this one would not be passed like fishery Bills have normally been passed. Normally there is a speaker from each Party, the Minister is open and forthright and we understand what the import of the Bill is, therefore, it goes to committee. Not this time. To bring to the attention of the House the recent salmon—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** I regret to interrupt the Hon. Member, but I would like to check to see if there are other Members who wish to speak during this period, as only ten minutes are allowed.

**Mr. Fraser:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a comment.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The Hon. Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. Fraser).

**Mr. Fraser:** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member for Humboldt-Lake Centre (Mr. Althouse) has moved that this Bill be hoisted for six months. He knows absolutely nothing about West Coast fisheries, Atlantic fisheries or northern fisheries, but I understand he has several sloughs in his riding. He was brought in—

**Mr. Skelly:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Comox-Powell River (Mr. Skelly) on a point of order.

**Mr. Skelly:** Mr. Speaker, that is an assumption which cannot be sustained. I think it was an attempt to insult the Hon. Member for Humboldt-Lake Centre and the Hon. Member for Thunder Bay-Nipigon. I think the Minister should probably withdraw his reference to the slough.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** I think that is a question of debate and not a point of order.

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**Mr. Fraser:** That remark was certainly not intended to cast a slur on the Hon. Member for Humboldt-Lake Centre, it was intended to cast a slough. Of course, that is what I mentioned.

The Hon. Member for Comox-Powell River (Mr. Skelly) has risen again in indignation—because that is what is mostly contained in that gentleman's thinking capacity—and has asked the House to delay passage of the Bill for six months. The Hon. Member ought to know—although it will not surprise me if he does not—that the powers which are being asked for are powers which have always been deemed to have been in the Act but were found not to have been there as a consequence of the Collier decisions. The Hon. Member for Comox-Powell River is playing games on a subject about which he knows extremely little.

He spoke about the fact that the Government has not been prepared to come to the House and lay down guidelines which will govern for all time the exercise of powers under the Act. The Hon. Member must be the most ingenuous of newcomers in his approach to the difficulties and problems of ordinary Government if he thinks that under any circumstance he or anybody else could submit a set of guidelines which, in all cases, would look after the concerns which he has mentioned. The proposal to hoist the Bill for six months is irresponsible and is done deliberately. I would hope that the motion has been put with the full knowledge of how silly it is. I am prepared to concede to my hon. friends in the NDP that it may well have been done out of plain silliness and lack of understanding. It reminds me, Mr. Speaker, of the silly member of the New Democratic Party in the Legislature of British Columbia who on Friday went to the press and said that we were cutting the salmonid enhancement program by \$10 million. When it was pointed out to him what was in the Estimates, he, of course, had nothing to say. The disease of misconception, irrelevance, ignorance and foolishness, whether it flows from the NDP in this Chamber to the Legislature of British Columbia or whether it has spread from the NDP in the Legislature of British Columbia to the NDP in this Chamber, seems to be a communicable disease among our hon. friends.

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**Mr. Skelly:** May I put a question or make a comment, Mr. Speaker?

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Unfortunately, the time for questions and comments has expired. We will resume debate.

**Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River):** In speaking in debate, Mr. Speaker, I can say that I am actually extremely pleased that the Minister rose to his feet and commented on the fishing industry in this country. Before we proceed any further I can tell the Minister—and I don't know whether his officials have taken the time to inform him of this—that a prominent group of users on the coast of British Columbia, when asked in committee last night what they would recommend the House should do with this Bill; would they prefer that the House pass this Bill without guidelines or should it