

Minister. In view of the provisions of Bill C-204, which was given first reading on Friday and which effectively passes control over water pollution to the Department of Fisheries and Forestry, has a policy decision been made that administration of water pollution control in Canada should be given to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** No, Mr. Speaker. Control is divided between the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, who is responsible for the application of the provisions of the water act, and the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry.

**Mr. Aiken:** A supplementary question. Might I ask the Prime Minister which of these ministers is responsible in the case of a conflict between inspectors under the two acts?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member will give me an example of a conflict I will answer his question.

#### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

##### TIME OF SECOND READING OF BILL AMENDING FISHERIES ACT—PROPOSED ITEMS TO END OF APRIL

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the House Leader with respect to Bill C-204 amending the Fisheries Act. In view of the importance of this measure, could the minister predict when the bill might be considered for second reading?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, this is among other bills which are awaiting second reading stage and to which we should like to give priority as soon as possible. We very much hope that the debate on the amendments to the Criminal Code can be finished this afternoon and that the Canada Grains Act can be moved ahead, along with the National Farm Products Marketing Council legislation and the two bills dealing with sovereignty over adjacent seas. In other words, we hope that by the end of April all of these bills will have completed second reading. With any luck at all, and with the best of co-operation, perhaps we could call Bill C-204 for consideration next week and have it forwarded to committee at that time.

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##### GRAIN

##### SUGGESTED PAYMENT TO ALL WESTERN GROWERS INSTEAD OF SUMMER-FALLOWING

**Mr. George Muir (Lisgar):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the fact that western farmers had indicated before the government's wheat acreage reduction program was announced that they intended to reduce wheat acreage to 18.5 million acres and are showing a reluctance to reduce acreage further by the doubtful farm practice of once again summerfallowing, as advised by the government would the minister consider an alternative method of assisting the farmers to reduce wheat acreage, such as making a payment available to all western grain growers?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, the program that we have announced is in fact available to all western grain growers. It must be borne in mind that the statistics that were published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, I think on March 18, were based on replies that they received from individual farmers prior to the date on which operation LIFT was announced. We are assuming, and I think quite properly so, that there will be a profound change in the intentions of farmers as a result of their consideration of LIFT.

**Mr. Muir (Lisgar):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the minister advise the House how a farmer who had no wheat last year can expect any money from operation LIFT?

##### WHEAT—ACREAGE REDUCTION PROGRAM—POSITION OF CANADIAN FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

**Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the Canadian Federation of Agriculture was supposed to meet with the government today, may I ask the Minister of Agriculture whether the federation presented its misgivings about the acreage reduction program and also indicated there is an acute shortage of cash in western Canada? How does the government propose to look at those two problems?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, we had a very useful meeting with the Canadian Federation of Agriculture this morning. I am sure that the hon. member