

Newfoundland Members of Parliament and Senators who support his Government to the Cabinet, so that this Province will have a representative in the Cabinet.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am happy to have advice on the formation of my Cabinet from the Hon. Member. I will consider his opinions.

Mr. McGrath: Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister could certainly use some sound advice. That is obvious.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

PRIME MINISTER'S INTENTIONS

Hon. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, because Newfoundland is the only Province not represented in the Cabinet, notwithstanding the fact that it has four other Hon. Members on the opposite side of the House and four members in the Senate, I want to ask the Prime Minister specifically if he intends to appoint a Newfoundland Member of Parliament or a Newfoundland Senator to his Cabinet?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, it is a little indecent the way the Hon. Member is preaching for a call.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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CANADIAN DAIRY COMMISSION

CHAIRMAN'S SALARY—OVERTIME INQUIRY

Mr. Robert Wenman (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Agriculture. Could the Minister confirm that on October 28 the chairman of the Canadian Dairy Commission was driven to see the Personnel Department of Agriculture Canada for the purpose of exploring the possibility of being considered for overtime pay as a result of the work he was doing for the Commission? Upon being refused on the grounds that the Dairy Commission was not an integral part of the Department of Agriculture, the chairman then indicated his intention to take the matter up with the Minister. Given the fact that the chairman has stated in the press that he is accountable only to Members of Parliament, would the Minister tell the House if the chairman made such a request and, if so, will he receive overtime pay over and above his reported salary range of \$63,000 to \$74,000?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, the chairman of the Dairy Commission has made no such representation to me.

Oral Questions

FISHERIES

POSSIBLE WEST COAST BUY-BACK PROGRAM—AMOUNT OF FUNDING

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. Earlier in the Question Period the Minister said that the buy-back will be somewhere between \$50 million and \$400 million on the West Coast. He is also on public record as saying it is his view that about 50 per cent of the West Coast fleet needs to be bought out. Would the Minister direct his attention to this matter in the House and inform us just exactly how large the buy-back is going to be? Is the Minister now telling West Coast fishermen that he is bringing forward a \$400 million buy-back plan to buy 50 per cent of the West Coast fleet?

Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): No, Mr. Speaker. I would like to reiterate what I have said to the Hon. Member who was previously asking the question why I do not announce a buy-back program today. I said that a buy-back program will cost a minimum \$50 million and could go as high as \$400 million. Second, I said that no decision has been made. Third, it is of such magnitude that only Cabinet can make such a decision. Fourth, I said that Cabinet will not make a decision on it before several months have passed.

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NORTHERN AFFAIRS

KING POINT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT—LOAN SOUGHT BY COUNCIL OF YUKON INDIANS

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, bearing on the promise in the Throne Speech to continue development in Yukon. His colleague, the Minister of Indian Affairs, immediately prior to the closing of the last session indicated that CYI had made an application for a multimillion dollar loan for the purpose of obtaining an equity position in Kiewit and Sons on the King Point project. In keeping with the promise to develop Yukon, will that repayable loan be approved, and will that project now be approved, which will mean several hundreds of jobs and several hundreds of millions of dollars of investment from the private sector into the economy of an area of Canada very sorely in need of it?

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member should know that the jurisdiction over that particular area rests with my colleague, the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. I suggest he raise the question with him when he returns to the House.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF LOAN

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development said it was within