

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That question would appear to be argumentative.

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FISHERIES

REASON FOR BAN ON WHALING OFF ATLANTIC COAST IN LIGHT OF LEGAL CATCHING IN HUDSON BAY—POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL MORATORIUM

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Fisheries. Now that the federal government has legalized as well as subsidized the catching of whales in Hudson Bay as an attraction for tourists, will he inform the House why he placed a ban on commercial whaling on the Atlantic coast and refused to take the scientists' recommendation of sustained yield quotas of sei and fin whales at Blandford, Nova Scotia?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, the taking of Beluga whales in Hudson Bay this coming summer is under review.

Mr. Crouse: In view of the fact that the world's whaling nations are planning to catch 38,000 whales this year while Canada's quota is only 265 whales, has the minister received any indication from the International Whaling Commission that it is prepared to accept a ten year moratorium on the catching of whales?

Mr. Davis: Mr. Speaker, the world's whaling nations met in London last July and looked critically at the Canadian take of whales. It was partly because of criticism from other whaling nations that we stopped taking of whales off our coast.

INQUIRY AS TO STUDY ON CATCHING OF WHALES IN HUDSON BAY

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Fisheries. Did the Department of the Environment prepare an impact study on the effect of the program of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to help finance tourist interest in whale hunting in Hudson Bay and, if not, is such a study now being undertaken and when will it be made public?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries): The answer basically is no. As I said before, we are reviewing the matter of whether or not we will grant licences this summer.

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MANPOWER

LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—ANNOUNCEMENT BY DEFEATED LIBERAL CANDIDATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF PROJECTS—DEPARTMENTAL POLICY

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Last Thursday in the House in answer to a question of mine he said that the officials of his department were not acting upon his instructions when former Liberal candidates notified local initiatives program applicants that their applications had been approved before they were notified by the department. If that is not the case, I should like to ask the minister upon whose instructions officials of his department are acting if not upon his?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I am not even sure how the defeated candidate got the information, but I presume that the sponsor of the LIP project would be in communication with him and perhaps should have shared it with my hon. friend.

Mr. Nystrom: Since this has happened in many ridings and there are many such cases, would the minister undertake to investigate the matter and report to the House?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo.

Mr. Nystrom: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Is the hon. member rising on a point of order?

Mr. Nystrom: I understand the minister wishes to answer my question. If he did not hear it, perhaps I could repeat it. Since this has happened in several ridings across the country and there are many cases, will the minister undertake to investigate the matter and report to the House?

Mr. Andras: It is an interesting suggestion and I will give it consideration.

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FINANCE

BUDGET PROVISION FOR PASSING ON OF FARMS TO OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS WITHOUT CAPITAL GAINS TAX

Mr. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance arising from the recent budget. In light of the confusion that appears to exist with regard to the postponement of the capital gains tax on family farms, would the minister inform the House whether the policy of the government would allow a farmer upon his death to pass the farm on to more than one member of his family? For example, could a farmer upon his death leave the farmhouse to one member of the family and the land to another?