

Inquiries of the Ministry

Canada? Before permission is given to give up this franchise will the minister investigate these conditions a little further?

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Speaker, it is not the minister who does the investigating. I am quite familiar with the facts relating to the operation, nevertheless the allegation made by the hon. member is something that should be brought before the air transport board at its hearing, where it could be dealt with by the board.

INCOME TAX**QUEBEC—INQUIRY INTO RECEIPTS FOR CHARITABLE DONATIONS**

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Marcel Lessard (Lake St. John): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Revenue.

Could the minister inform the house if his department has given instructions to reduce the amounts claimed for charitable donations, as is being done in the province of Quebec, without first making an investigation to ascertain whether or not the receipts are genuine?

[Text]

Hon. J. R. Garland (Minister of National Revenue): The answer, Mr. Speaker, is no.

[Later:]

Mr. Gilles Gregoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I would like to address a question to the Minister of National Revenue. Since the minister stated a few minutes ago that he had given no orders to cut charity donation receipts in the province of Quebec, can he assure the house he will also instruct his officials in Quebec not to cut any more of these charity donation receipts without first making inquiries of the people concerned?

Mr. Garland: The hon. gentleman is now slipping in quite a different question from the one asked by his colleague, and under the circumstances I ask that he put his question on the order paper.

FISHERIES**NORTH PACIFIC COMMISSION—INQUIRY AS TO MEETING OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Fisheries if it is a fact that the advisory committee of the north Pacific fisheries commission will be meeting in Vancouver in mid November.

Hon. H. J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Howard: May I ask a supplementary question. What is the purpose of this meeting, whom are they meeting, and for what purpose?

Mr. Robichaud: They will be dealing with problems affecting the halibut fishery in the north Pacific.

Mr. Howard: May I ask another supplementary question. Can the minister indicate to the house when arrangements are going to be made for this advisory committee to be consulted before negotiations are re-activated among Japan, the United States and Canada for the signing of a new treaty involving the three fishery stocks in the north Pacific?

Mr. Robichaud: At the meeting that will be held in Vancouver this November.

NORTHERN AFFAIRS**ALASKA HIGHWAY—INQUIRY AS TO NEGOTIATIONS WITH UNITED STATES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): I wonder if the minister of northern affairs could take the house into his confidence and inform us just at what stage negotiations are now between this government and the government of the United States, as well as British Columbia, in respect of the cost sharing arrangement for the paving of the Alaska highway.

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): When the arrangements are completed, as we hope they will be successfully, an announcement will be made.

Mr. Nielsen: May I ask a supplementary question. Can the minister say, then, that we are to take it from his answer that there are negotiations being conducted on the cost sharing of the paving of the Alaska highway between these governments and the Canadian government?

Mr. Laing: There would be no profit in discussing that today.

[Later:]

Mr. Nielsen: I have a further supplementary question in respect of the one I asked of the minister of northern affairs concerning negotiations with the United States government. In view of the fact that the minister has taken into his confidence the president of the Dawson Creek chamber of commerce, and has told that chamber of these negotiations, will he now take the house into his confidence by telling the members of this house whether or not these negotiations for cost sharing are taking place?