

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** Mr. Speaker, this is no new problem. We have always had difficulties, particularly in years when runs of salmon were very low. We are authorizing a maximum take at sea, but we have to reserve a sufficient stock for future years. This is the problem we face at the moment.

**HOUSING****BUILDING SOCIETIES—REQUEST FOR FAVOURABLE TAX TREATMENT**

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** I should like to direct a question to the Minister without Portfolio in charge of housing. In view of the tremendous success of building societies in alleviating housing shortages in Great Britain and in light of the announcement that the minister will be meeting with the trade minister of Ontario who has expressed the intention of seeking amendments to federal tax laws to facilitate the establishment of such societies here, will the minister give a clearcut assurance to the House that he will not allow this excellent proposal to be sacrificed to the detriment of Canadians, as is the continual demand for the removal of the 11 per cent sales tax on building materials? I ask this question because I understand that the government has the express intention of reaching a target of one million housing units in the next one and a half years, and the minister's answer would be of some help in this regard.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I have to suggest to the hon. member that his question is more a speech than a question and I do not think it can be allowed in this form.

[*Later:*]

**Mr. Alexander:** Mr. Speaker, I wish to rise on a point of order. Apparently my question was declared out of order because of superfluous material added to the question. If it pleases Your Honour, I would appreciate it at this time if the minister would give some indication whether the request of the Ontario trade minister will be treated in a favourable light by the minister when the two ministers meet in the course of the next few days?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio):** A meeting between the trade minister of Ontario, officials of the treasury of Ontario, my colleague, the Minister of Finance, and myself is arranged for next Tuesday. Of course we will be very favourably disposed to any concrete recommendations that may be made by those gentlemen,

and we will have a thorough exchange of views on the proposal to which the hon. member alluded as well as on many others. In concrete terms, we will be receptive to good suggestions without committing ourselves at this time to final acceptance or rejection in any particular terms.

**Mr. Alexander:** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Apparently the minister will be busy in the next few days. However, in view of the advice which he gave to the opposition that he will be making a statement with respect to the policy on urban renewal, I wonder if he can state now that within that statement he will be giving us some clear guidelines regarding the public housing situation?

**Mr. Andras:** I will include reference to the public housing guidelines in that statement when I make it.

**Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova):** I wish to ask the minister whether the government has imposed a quota on maritime housing.

**Mr. Andras:** Not to my knowledge.

**BILINGUALISM AND BICULTURALISM****INQUIRY AS TO TABLING OF THIRD VOLUME OF COMMISSION REPORT**

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** I should like to ask the Prime Minister when we may expect the tabling of volume 3 of the report of the Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism.

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I will inquire, Mr. Speaker.

**NATIONAL DEFENCE****REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF STANDING COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence. May I ask if consideration is being given to a renewal at this session of the terms of reference of the Defence Committee inasmuch as pre-arranged meetings now being held can operate only on a non-official basis until the committee receives its terms of reference?

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence):** I believe I need a few minutes to recover and really understand the question.