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responsibility. Will he enlarge the membership of the Claims Commission, as was the original intent, so that this vitally important matter may be dealt with?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the terms of reference have been stated and there is no intention in the government's mind to change these terms of reference at this time. The position of the government was stated at the time the minister made known his white paper to the House. At that time I remember that we had the support of all opposition parties. The only complaint was that we had come a bit too late with it but that it was time we came up with it.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** A further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD****RESIGNATION OF W.C. McNAMARA, CHIEF COMMISSIONER**

**Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Manpower in charge of the Wheat Board.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Gleave:** All the more power to the man. In view of reports of the resignation of Mr. McNamara, Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board, can the minister inform the House whether there is such a resignation and when it will take effect?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. The Chief Commissioner of the Wheat Board has resigned. His resignation is accepted with great regret, effective indeed, as of today. The Chief Commissioner of course performed tremendous services for the farming population of Canada in this role and it is therefore with deep regret that we find his period of service coming to a close.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**POST OFFICE****INTRODUCTION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES TO COVER LOSSES CAUSED BY POSTAL DISPUTE**

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister [Mr. Dinsdale.]

minister without Portfolio in charge of the Post Office whether it is his intention to seek supplementary estimates with regard to the losses of the Post Office associated with the postal dispute? If so, can he indicate to the House the size of the losses associated with the Post Office dispute?

**Some hon. Members:** Answer!

[Later:]

**Mr. Stanfield:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the President of the Treasury Board whether it is intended to submit supplementary estimates in connection with the Post Office Department having in mind the reported losses as a result of the postal dispute and, if so, what are the losses? There must be somebody in the government who can give the House this information.

**Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board):** There has not been a revision of the budget of the Post Office for the balance of the fiscal year and consequently I am not in a position to give the hon. member the figures he seeks.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Use the contingency fund.

**POLLUTION****STATEMENT BY MINISTER OF FISHERIES AND FORESTRY RESPECTING WATER QUALITY STANDARDS, CONTROL AGENCIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL**

**Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. It relates to the speech he made in Langley, British Columbia, on Saturday last, in which he proposed the establishment of national water quality standards, consolidation of pollution control agencies and the establishment, among other things, of a national environmental council. My question is, was the minister expressing government policy when he made his proposals?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member knows that this question may be asked of the Prime Minister and not of the minister who made the statement outside the House.

**Mr. Aiken:** Mr. Speaker, perhaps I could direct this question to the Prime Minister.

**Mr. Trudeau:** What was it?