

and the United States. The means of reaching those water quality objectives have also been spelled out in the number of agreements, financial and otherwise. They are in every way water quality management areas.

Mr. Harding: Another question, Mr. Chairman. We spent a great deal of time on the Canada Water Act. Has machinery for operation within these water quality management areas been set up?

Mr. Davis: Yes, Mr. Chairman, all the machinery is in place for the execution to the letter of the Canada-Ontario agreement and the Canada-U.S. agreement in respect of the clean-up of the Great Lakes. As the hon. member knows, the final arbiter of the success of the performance is the International Joint Commission. It has to do the follow-up work to make sure that the water quality objectives are met.

We are exploring a number of areas. I should like Ottawa to have an agreement with the province of British Columbia for a water quality management area in the Strait of Georgia and, for example, the lower Fraser leading into the Strait of Georgia. If we had that, we could then go the Americans and say that we have been able to put our own house in order, so we should extend the program to the Puget Sound area as being something equivalent to the Great Lakes agreement on the west coast. I think we would then be a long step down the road toward dealing with the tanker problem in that particular inland sea between Vancouver Island and the mainland and international waters where an international agreement is essential to the proper control and operation of tankers.

Mr. Harding: A further question. In these water quality management areas provision was made for effluent fees. Can the minister inform the House if these are being paid by any industry in any of these water management areas?

Mr. Davis: No, Mr. Chairman, we do not regard effluent fees as a good idea. I realize that provision for effluent fees exists in the act, but our basic policy is that the polluter will pay. We do not simply want them to make some nominal payment to ease their conscience. The lower lakes agreement provides that the polluter shall pay for the clean-up and the parallel in the case of Ontario must be certain quality objectives stated in physical terms, but no funds are available from the federal or provincial governments to help with the clean-up.

The Chairman: Order, please. It being five o'clock it is my duty to rise, report progress and request leave to consider the bill again later this day.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Progress reported.

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• (1700)

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe (Mr. Marshall)—National Defence—Suggested redeployment of armed forces elements to Newfoundland to consolidate strategy and promote economic development; the hon. member for Portneuf (Mr. Godin)—Manpower—Inquiry as to efficiency of manpower centres; the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton (Mr. Baker)—Housing—Land assembly program—Reconsideration of investment of funds for proposed Gloucester Township project.

The Chair has received notice, under Standing Order 26, that the hon. member for Vancouver South (Mr. Fraser), seconded by the hon. member for Victoria (Mr. McKinnon), intends to move a motion for the adjournment of the House. It is the understanding of the Chair that it is agreeable that this matter be dealt with by Mr. Speaker at the commencement of tomorrow morning's sitting. Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It being five o'clock p.m. the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business. Pursuant to the special order made earlier this day, the House will now proceed to the consideration of the order for second reading and reference to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs of Bill C-136, an act respecting Canada Flag Day.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

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MEASURE TO ESTABLISH

Mr. Ed Nelson (Burnaby-Seymour) moved that Bill C-136, respecting Canada Flag Day, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

He said: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of Bill C-136 is to establish February 15 or the Monday following as a legal holiday, to be known as Canada flag day. I have sensed, sir, that there is general approval of the idea embodied in the bill and am grateful. I will, therefore, forgo the privilege of speaking at length and respectfully request that the bill be given second reading today, this February 15, and sent to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

[Translation]

Mr. Alexandre Cyr (Gaspé): Mr. Speaker, I would like first to thank hon. members for having unanimously