

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, my officials are obtaining a copy of the report mentioned by the Minister of Agriculture for Ontario.

Mrs. MacInnis: As a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, may we have some indication when that report will be available to this House?

Mr. Basford: Well, Mr. Speaker, it is a report published by a provincial government and I am trying to obtain a copy of it. I will now try to obtain two copies, one for the hon. member.

[Translation]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**ISRAELI-ARAB HOSTILITIES—PROMOTION OF CEASEFIRE**

Mr. Georges C. Lachance (Lafontaine): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct to the Secretary of State for External Affairs a question relating to the conflict between Israel and the Arab world.

In view of the speech delivered by the Secretary of State for External Affairs before the General Assembly of the United Nations on September 29 last, and in the light of the recent statement of the Prime Minister of Israel as to the lack of UN authority, what steps does the hon. minister intend to take to promote a cease-fire in that conflict?

[English]

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): As the hon. member knows, Mr. Speaker, it is not a matter of establishing a ceasefire; it is a matter of respecting a ceasefire that has already been agreed upon. On behalf of the Canadian government, I have been urging the parties to this dispute to observe the ceasefire and avoid the forays and raids which are causing so much loss of life and property.

POLLUTION**CO-ORDINATION OF CONTROL EFFORTS IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS**

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. It arises from the announcement of a \$30 million federal-state program in the United States to cope with pollution in the Great Lakes, the Arctic and other waters. Has his

[Mrs. MacInnis.]

department been in consultation with United States officials to see that Canadian efforts are co-ordinated in international waters?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, my department is in continuing consultation with U.S. authorities under the aegis of the International Joint Commission. I do not know of any specific negotiations that are going on in connection with this particular program that was announced by the Vice-President of the United States on Saturday last. But I certainly believe there will be some under the aegis of our continuing negotiations with the United States in this regard.

Mr. Aiken: Mr. Speaker, as a supplementary question may I ask the minister whether his department is considering a similar type of program for Canada, that is a federal-provincial co-ordinated effort?

Mr. Greene: Well, Mr. Speaker, during the summer recess the government announced its position papers in respect of the proposed Canada Water Act, and there has been continuing negotiation with the provinces on the subject matter of those position papers. It is our belief that the Canada Water Act will achieve the objectives that are envisaged in the presidential program announced in the United States, and in fact our's is a program that will be even better suited to the problem of fighting water pollution in Canada.

SHIPBUILDING**EXTENSION TO OTHER VESSELS OF STEEL SHIP CONSTRUCTION SUBSIDY**

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport who, I am pleased to note, has removed himself from the leadership fiasco in his native province. In view of mounting unemployment in our shipyards in Atlantic Canada, is the government giving any consideration to making the present 35 per cent subsidy payable on the construction of steel ships applicable to ships constructed of other substances such as wood, fibreglass or ferrous concrete?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I have also removed myself from the shipbuilding subsidy responsibility and questions on this matter should now be directed to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.