

**Mr. Speaker:** I am informed there is still one minute left before the end of the question period. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for South Shore.

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### FISHERIES

#### REQUEST FOR REPORT ON HALIFAX CONFERENCE— POSSIBILITY OF DISCUSSIONS WITH ICNAF MEMBERS ON HERRING QUOTAS

**Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries. When will a report be made available to members of parliament concerning the decisions reached following the secret two-day federal government-industry conference on fisheries problems, which concludes today in Halifax?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment):** Within the next few days, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Crouse:** Mr. Speaker, I have a brief supplementary. Since herring overfishing was reportedly discussed at the meeting and herring landings in Nova Scotia declined by approximately one-third in January of this year compared with landings a year ago, is the minister contemplating any immediate discussions with members of the International Commission for the North Atlantic Fisheries to review the herring quotas established by the council in Rome in January, since the recommended increase—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member was given the floor for a brief supplementary. We have now gone beyond the end of the question period but the hon. member will be allowed to finish his question. I was hoping that it would be brief, but the hon. member has the floor.

**Mr. Crouse:** Mr. Speaker, to finish the question—since the recommended increase of 25,000 tons to 90,000 tons from the Nova Scotia banks means that foreign herring fishing in sub-areas 5 and 6 has increased by 50 per cent in the last two years.

**Mr. Davis:** Mr. Speaker, we will certainly be taking up this matter again with the other nations fishing in the North Atlantic. However, we will do so after we have had the recommendations of the fishermen and the companies.

**Mr. Speaker:** Orders of the day.

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### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

#### WEEKLY STATEMENT

**Mr. Baldwin:** Mr. Speaker, could I ask the government House leader what the business is for this week and next week?

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, today we will begin second reading of the income tax changes, followed by the

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Excise Tax Act and the Customs Tariff Act. Following that I shall probably call the CNR financing bill and then crop insurance.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the minister would remind his colleague, the Minister of Finance, that by the time we come back after the Easter recess it will be almost one year since the day he brought in his last budget, and that the House would be very much obliged if the minister would speed up his cerebral processes so we could examine, before we leave for the Easter recess, the ways and means motion he still has to bring in?

**Mr. Marshall:** Mr. Speaker, could the House leader indicate if legislation to increase the basic rate of the pension will be introduced before the Easter recess?

**Mr. MacEachen:** No, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** I believe the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre is rising on a point of order.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** No, Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a supplementary question. Would the President of the Privy Council check with the answer given to that question yesterday by his colleague, the Minister of Veterans Affairs?

**Mr. MacEachen:** I would be happy to, Mr. Speaker.

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### GOVERNMENT ORDERS

#### INCOME TAX ACT

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance)** moved that Bill C-170, to amend the statute law relating to income tax, be read the second time and referred to a committee of the whole.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and the House went into committee thereon, Mr. Laniel in the chair.

**The Deputy Chairman:** Order, please. I invite members of the committee who have to leave the House to do so as quickly as possible so we may proceed. House in committee of the whole on Bill C-170, an act to amend the statute law relating to income tax.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** Mr. Chairman, when Mr. Speaker was putting the question on second reading, I stood up but he continued to put the motion. There is so much hubbub in here I still am not sure whether the motion was carried on second reading, and can judge only from the fact that Mr. Speaker left the chair and the Chairman seemed to take over. Both the minister and I stood up to make statements and to carry on the debate. There is no way it could have been considered we agreed