## AIR CANADA

SUGGESTED ESTABLISHMENT OF AIRBUS SERVICE ON TORONTO, OTTAWA-MONTREAL ROUTE—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Transport who is responsible for Air Canada. In view of the bedlam that exists on weekends and the scarcity or reserved space on Air Canada on the Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal flights and in view of the fact the national capital should have the best possible air service, will the minister ask Air Canada to institute an airbus service similar to that which exists with great success between Calgary and Edmonton?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, this is on the agenda of the transport council. We are discussing that at the present time. I hope we will find a solution because I also travel between the airport and Ottawa.

# **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON CANADIAN POSITION ON OWNERSHIP OF MARINE RESOURCES

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the absolute necessity that Canada state a definitive position with regard to the marine resources of this nation as they pertain to the international law of the sea conference and because the minister promised such a statement would be made, as recorded in Hansard for June 28, stating Canada's position in anticipation of the Law of the Sea Conference, can he tell us when this statement will be forthcoming?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, consultations with the provinces have now been completed. My officials inform me it is likely I will have a statement on my desk for approval toward the end of this month.

## **FISHERIES**

SALMON STOCKS—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON GUIDELINES FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH UNITED STATES

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of the Environment. I note he is not here. Perhaps he can reply when he returns. It relates to the secret Canada-United States meetings held between September 26 and October 4 with regard to salmon stocks on the Pacific coasts of both these nations. Will the minister, as he did with regard to the IMCO conference in London, make a statement on motions to inform the people of this country of Canada's official position at these meetings with regard to salmon stocks and the guidelines the government set out for negotiating them?

#### Oral Questions

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I shall advise the hon. minister of the remarks of the hon. member for Skeena.

[English]

# CONFLICT OF INTEREST

INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Prime Minister. In view of the fact there was a promise in the January 4 throne speech that the government would introduce legislation to deal with conflict of interest of members of parliament, ministers of the Crown and public servants, what plans are underway to introduce this legislation to the House?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, possibly I may reply to the question. As soon as the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections completes its study of the election expenses bill, it is the intention of the government to send to the committee the green paper on conflict of interest with the draft bill attached thereto on the independence of parliament. That will give hon. members of this House and of the other place an opportunity to consider the proposals which have been made, and, if they are found acceptable, to embody them into the law.

• (1510)

Mr. Speaker: Order. The Chair will recognize the hon. member and the hon. member for Rocky Mountain for a first supplementary but we will have to call orders of the day after that. I appreciate that a number of hon. members could not be recognized—the hon. member for Victoria, the hon. member for St. John's West, the hon. member for York East and others. I hope they will be given an opportunity tomorrow.

The hon, member for Grenville-Carleton.

**Mr. Baker:** I withdraw the supplementary, Mr. Speaker. I relinquish my right to the floor.

## INDUSTRY

DATE OF INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION DEALING WITH COMPETITION

Mr. Joe Clark (Rocky Mountain): Mr. Speaker, my question also concerns undertakings given in the Throne Speech. In the light of the promise in the Speech from the Throne—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member was recognized for the purpose of asking a supplementary to the question raised a few moments ago. Perhaps he can be recognized now for the purpose of asking a related question, after which I will call orders of the day.