

Inquiries of the Ministry

hear sonic booms. Has a procedure been established for compensation for any damage that may be done?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): There will be no special procedure instituted. There has, however, been an ongoing policy in this regard which would provide compensation.

INQUIRY AS TO POSSIBLE CHANGE IN CANADA'S NATO COMMITMENT

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence. Since he is about to depart for talks in Europe, can the hon. gentleman indicate to the House whether or not he will carry with him any specific instructions from the government to change any of the basic positions which Canada now assumes within NATO?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, it will be a matter of confirming with the other NATO states the increase in our NATO contribution indicated in the white paper.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I should indicate that we have reached the end of the question period, although we might try to recognize a few hon. members who have been trying for a few days to ask questions. The hon. member for Nickel Belt.

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WILDLIFE

INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF ACT

Mr. Gaétan-J. Serré (Nickel Belt): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the very able Minister of the Environment. Can the minister tell us when he expects to introduce a new Canadian wildlife act and can he indicate whether there will be provisions for assistance, financial and otherwise, for bird sanctuaries or wildlife refuges which, if properly assisted, could contribute greatly to the conservation of our wildlife and the education of our people in conservation?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, I hope it will be possible to introduce an act along those lines at the next session of Parliament.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps we should not have a supplementary on this matter which really does not appear to be too urgent. The question itself could have waited for 24 hours or 48 hours. We have reached the end of the question period.

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TRANSPORT

INSTALLATION OF FLASHING LIGHTS ON RAILWAY ENGINES

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Minister of Transport might be permitted to com-

[Mr. Rowland.]

plete the answer he was trying to provide me when he indicated he had some further information.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I merely wanted to update the answer and say that the Canadian Transport Commission, since the question was asked this morning, has advised me in fact that they have had consultations during the last month with Canadian National and Canadian Pacific with a view to getting the most appropriate kind of flasher. It is not a question of whether it should or should not be used. It is a question of the most appropriate one. I will have a full report within a couple of days.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day. Is the minister rising on a point of order?

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPPOSITION DAY

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I should like to advise the House that next week we will have the last opposition day. At the moment it is planned to call it on Thursday of next week.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

• (12:20 p.m.)

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

INCOME TAX ACT

The House resumed, from Thursday, December 2, consideration in committee of Bill C-259, to amend the Income Tax Act and to make certain provisions and alterations in the statute law related to or consequential upon amendments to that act—Mr. Benson—Mr. Laniel in the chair.

The Deputy Chairman: It is the understanding of the Chair that the committee will resume consideration of the sections dealing with capital gains. The group of sections as listed at page 9251 of *Hansard* for November 2, 1971 includes sections 38 to 55 inclusive, sections 3, 9, 71, 73, 85, 87, 88, 89, 96 and 111. Section 9 of this group was adopted on November 2, 1971.

On Clause 1—section 38—*Meaning of taxable capital gain and allowable capital loss.*

The Deputy Chairman: Shall section 38 carry?

Mr. Horner: Mr. Chairman, in rising to speak in this debate, I wish first of all to quote from *Hansard* the remarks of the President of the Privy Council, as recorded at page 10,077: