

Inquiries of the Ministry

no longer honouring the North Pacific Hali-but Treaty?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Foresiry): Mr. Speaker, there is no question of the U.S. authorities seizing Canadian vessels. Indeed the United States fish and wildlife authorities have reaffirmed that Canadians can fish in U.S. waters, just as Americans can fish in Canadian waters. The U.S. coast guard captain in question today reported that he did not order this vessel to leave the United States 12-mile zone, and this conflicts with the story given by the captain of the *Shirley Rose* that that was indeed the case.

NATIONAL PARKS**BRITISH COLUMBIA—AGREEMENT RESPECTING FIRST PARK ON PACIFIC COAST**

Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development; he will be relieved to know that it relates to an area of his responsibilities different from that about which he was questioned earlier. I should like to ask whether the department is any closer to establishing the first national park on the Pacific coast of Canada than it was when I asked him about this subject on an earlier occasion.

Mr. Speaker: That question should be placed on the order paper.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**FAILURE TO REPORT DEBATE ON PROCEDURE**

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State. Would the hon. gentleman inquire of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation whether it is their policy to ignore the current debate in this chamber?

[*Translation*]

AGRICULTURE**SUGGESTED REVISION OF DAIRY POLICY**

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I wanted to put my question yesterday to the Minister of Agriculture, but in his absence, I saw fit to wait until today. However, because of his absence and of the importance of the question, since it follows from the motion I moved yesterday for the adjournment of the house, I shall then put it to the Prime Minister.

[Mr. Goode.]

In view of the fact that the net income of dairy producers was 8.7 per cent lower than that of the least prosperous year since 1961, and in view of the urgency of the situation, is the Prime Minister ready to tell us whether he intends to recommend to the Canadian Dairy Commission, through the Minister of Agriculture, to review that policy for the benefit of Canadian and Quebec dairy producers?

Mr. Florian Côté (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, since that question should have been put to the Minister of Agriculture, with your leave, I shall take it as notice. Then the hon. member for Lotbinière would know that the Minister of Agriculture has a parliamentary secretary.

Before referring this question to the minister, may I ask the hon. mmeber for Lotbinière where he obtained his statistics pertaining to the percentage he has just quoted?

[*English*]

Mr. Alexander: Mr. Speaker, although time is running out I did have a question—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Lotbinière is rising on a point of order.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Fortin: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member for Lotbinière on a point of order.

Mr. Fortin: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would have been happy to direct my question to the parliamentary secretary of the Minister of Agriculture but I did not know there was one, since this is the first time that we hear him speak on behalf of the minister.

[*English*]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**SUGGESTED ADDITIONS TO ONTARIO JUDICIARY**

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question I should like to direct to the Minister of Justice. In view of the urgent and very serious situation that is now existing in the province of Ontario as a result of the backlog of civil and divorce cases, I wonder whether the minister is in a position to advise the house when he expects to appoint additional Supreme Court justices to handle the backlog.