

## Oral Questions

## ENERGY

## FUNDY TIDAL POWER PROJECT—COMPLAINTS OF NOVA SCOTIA OFFICIALS REGARDING DELAY OF STUDIES

**Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland-Colchester North):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources which I asked the Acting Prime Minister on Friday. Have any complaints been directed to him or through him to the government regarding developments in connection with the new studies proposed relating to Fundy tidal power, in view of the fact that a number of complaints have been made by officials in the province of Nova Scotia regarding delays?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I have had correspondence with the two premiers involved in this regard indicating their appointment of officials to the study, but I have not personally received complaints in this regard, although I have seen press stories to this effect.

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Mr. Speaker, I should like to mention that I visited the tidal power station at La Rance, in France, last week, and I wish to express my thanks to the French government for their courtesy on this occasion.

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## FISHERIES

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND SEAFOOD PROCESSORS—REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN CARRYING STOCKS

**Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of State (Fisheries) and ask him if he is in a position to indicate the reply he made or will be making to the urgent request for financial assistance he received from the Prince Edward Island seafood processors. As the minister knows, they are forced to make this request because of the burden of carrying stocks of a very costly unsold product.

**Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of State (Fisheries)):** Mr. Speaker, one of the reasons the inventory of unsold products is fairly high is that in some areas the catch has been very good and we rejoice in that. As for the problem raised by the hon. member, I was contacted yesterday by the provincial minister of fisheries, Mr. Henderson, and I also had a word with my colleague, the Minister for Veterans Affairs. Today I discussed the problem with my officials. Tomorrow, one of my officials of the Fisheries Prices Support Board will go to Prince Edward Island. We are giving the matter priority.

## LOSS OF LOBSTER GEAR—REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF AREAS TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION

**Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe):** Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question for the same minister. Could the minister indicate to the House if he has had a chance to examine the ice condition reports that I sent to him some time ago and if the areas designated to

[Mr. Munro (Hamilton East).]

receive compensation for the loss of lobster gear last year are to be taken under consideration again?

**Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of State (Fisheries)):** Mr. Speaker, I regret to inform the hon. member that I do not find it possible to positively review the matter a year after the decisions were made.

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## PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ENERGY FUND—SUGGESTION FUTURE CONFERENCES OF PRODUCER-CONSUMER COUNTRIES CONSIDER QUOTAS ON OTHER COMMODITIES

**Mr. James Gillies (Don Valley):** Mr. Speaker, a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Could the minister inform the House what position the government of Canada took at the recent meeting of the International Energy Agency in France with respect to the proposal of the Secretary of State of the United States for the development of an International Energy Fund? Did Canada agree to participate in such a fund and did Canada agree with the concept of limiting imports inter-domestic markets of foreign oil?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, that question was not raised extensively at the International Energy Agency meeting although the propositions were discussed. In fact, at this point Canada has not agreed to the establishment of a fund or indeed to any limitation with regard to domestic action. Our principal attention at the conference was directed to the early completion of the allocation agreement in the event of any future international interruption of supply and also to support of the proposal that there should be more extensive international co-operation in the area of research and development.

**Mr. Gillies:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. What position did Canada take about the proposal that any future producer-consumer meeting with respect to oil should include a study of the possibilities of production quotas and so on in other commodities as has been proposed by third world countries?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, we generally supported the initiative taken by the United States Secretary of State to have a resumed producer-consumer conference at which not only the question of energy but also the broader questions of manufactured products and other commodities could be discussed. We are waiting with interest to see the extent to which the other participants in the producer-consumer meeting, particularly the less developed countries and producers, would find the proposal of the Secretary of State a helpful step in getting the meeting going again. It is our general view that it would be useful to have a meeting and we would be quite prepared to discuss it on a broader basis.