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The House met at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms):

Order, please!

The hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. JAMIESON:

Mr. Speaker, by leave and with the agreement of the Government House Leader with whom I have consulted, I think I ought to, this afternoon say how pleased this House is at the result of the referendum in Quebec yesterday.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. JAMIESON:

First of all, I think it was gratifying to all of us, particularly we in Newfoundland who are the most recent comers to Confederation, to realize that we are a part of a country which remains strong and which remains vital and that there are within the Province of Quebec such a very substantial number of people who have understood the importance of the federalist option and in the face of very great pressure and indeed in the face of a great deal of acrimonious debate chose to stand up and be counted for Canada. This is of course a non-partisan issue as the Prime Minister pointed out last night and the hon. the Leader of the National Opposition, Mr. Clark has also said this is something that transcends any kind of political partisanship and which really is, in my judgement, one of the most decisive days in the history of Canada. And I would certainly expect and I am sure that this will be the case, Your Honour, that this House would wish to convey to the leader of the 'No' forces - I use that expression as opposed to the leader of a particular party because of course, people of all political persuasions rallied around him and I think it is quite appropriate that we in this Province should join Canadians from coast to coast in conveying to Mr. Ryan our congratulations on the outcome of the referendum yesterday. In saying that I think it is also important for us in Newfoundland to realize, and I am sure members on both sides do, that what we saw yesterday was not the end of an

MR. JAMIESON: era but really the beginning in the sense that there was a very strong message, I believe, of the necessity, which we on this side have often asserted, for a renewed kind of federalism, for a look at the structures of our country to determine in which manner they ought to be altered and changed and that we hope - and I am sure all members of this House hope, that as a result of what occurred yesterday and the commitment of the Government of Canada to proceed as expeditiously as possible with the whole issue of constitutional revision and reform, that this will now move ahead very rapidly with results that will be beneficial not merely to the people of Quebec, those who supported the

MR. D. JAMIESON: 'No' option and those who indeed opposed the 'No' option, that it will not only be beneficial to them, but as a result of what occurred yesterday that we will see a situation in which all Canadians will suddenly come to realize that constitutional issues are not something of a remote nature to be considered only once in a while but that a country is only as strong as its constitution and the capacity of that constitution to be responsive to the wishes and the aspirations of people wherever they happen to live in Canada.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. D. JAMIESON: Mr. Speaker, if it is appropriate, I would move, seconded by the Government House Leader (Mr. W. Marshall) that you, Sir, on our behalf, convey to Mr. Ryan as the leader of the 'No' forces, our congratulations on the outcome of yesterday's referendum and our assurances that we will work unanimously with all those people in Canada who are anxious to see our country strengthened and held together as one united land from sea to sea.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The hon. the President of the Council.

MR. W. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, as the hon. the Leader of the Opposition has indicated - he mentioned this to me before the House opened and I know that all members on this side, as well as all members of the House, would join and wish to be associated with that particular motion and the sentiments so ably and well expressed by the Leader of the Opposition.

It would appear and it would seem definite that as a result of the decision last night in Quebec that this country is considerably strengthened and the problems and many of the divisions - while some problems will still exist, obviously, the deep divisions are showing signs of being healed and this can only redound to the benefit not only of the Mainland part of Canada but also of the Province of Newfoundland. So we certainly wish to associate ourselves with this motion to Mr. Ryan as leader of the federal forces and at the same time, although not in the motion, I would indicate that we look forward in the months and the years to come to the renewed federalism which I think all parties earnestly desire

MR. W. MARSHALL: and see that is necessary both federally and within all the provinces of Canada.

The constitutional changes which must be made have to be pursued. This government's position, I think, has been clearly stated by the Premier from time to time, that we do require constitutional change. We have made positive suggestions along those lines and we have positions along those lines, but this is not the place or the time to go into them except to underscore what has already been said and indicate that a renewed federalism is earnestly desired for the people of Newfoundland. And along those lines, when you mention Mr. Ryan, the constitutional changes which were proposed by Mr. Ryan within recent times have been reviewed by this government, have been reviewed by

MR. W. MARSHALL: everybody in Canada and certainly, as already has been indicated, these particular changes are, as far as we are concerned, a very good basis and a very good cornerstone to aim to go into the future and certainly show a framework within which, as far as we are concerned, the basis at least for a good start on the strengthening of Canada and the coming together of the Canadian nation in a very meaningful way.

So, Mr. Speaker, as I say, I have much pleasure in seconding the motion and associating myself with the remarks so ably made by the hon. the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. D. Jamieson) in his motion to convey our congratulations to Mr. Ryan on a job well done.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

MR. SPEAKER: (Simms) You have heard the motion, those in favour "Aye" contrary "Nay", the motion is carried.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Justice.

MR. G. OPTENHEIMER: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform the House on two matters with respect to law enforcement in the Province.

Hon. members will recall that when I announced the appointment of Richard J. Roche as Chief of Police of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary, I also informed hon. members of the intention of Assistant Chief Austin LeDrew to retire as of May 31st of this year. Assistant Chief LeDrew has had a long distinguished career in the Constabulary and I extend to him the appreciation and good wishes of government on his well-deserved retirement.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Edward Coady as Deputy Chief of Police to take effect June 1st after the retirement of Deputy Chief LeDrew.

This completes the appointment of top management in the Constabulary with Chief Richard J. Roche, Deputy Chief Donald Randell and Deputy Chief Edward Coady commencing the 1st of June.

MR. G. OTTENHEIMER: Mr. Coady was born in St. John's, Newfoundland, and is 43 years of age. He is a graduate of St. Bonaventure's, also a graduate of Algonquin College in Ottawa where he studied Personnel and Industrial Relations. He has completed courses in Instruction Techniques, Senior Police Administration, Aviation Security Techniques and related areas.

He has had a distinguished career formally in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, having retired on completion of 24 years service. Following his retirement he accepted the position of Director of Emergency Measures with the Department of Justice, a position which he has filled with distinction up to now.

He is married to the former Lorraine Theriault of New Brunswick, and they have four children.

I feel confident that Mr. Coady will bring to his new position knowledge and expertise that will complement that of Chief Roche and Deputy Randell.

On another matter, I wish to inform hon. members the government's policy with respect to policing in Mount Pearl.

Prior to April 1, 1980, the Local Government Act was the operative law for all incorporated municipalities in the Province, with the exception of St. John's and Corner Brook.

Under that Act, the Local Government Act, provision was made for the employment of municipal police and the granting of powers as peace officers to them. Such powers were granted to the Town of

MR. G. OTTENHEIMER:

Mount Pearl Police Force which is comprised of a Chief of Police and five constables. They operated with full autonomy with the limits of the municipality in conjunction with the RCMP. That force has the overall responsibility for police services outside St. John's under a contract between the Federal-Provincial Governments.

Under the proclamation of the Municipalities Act on April 1st of this year, all police in the Province, with the exception of the RCMP and the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary, who have province-wide jurisdiction, ceased to have the powers of peace officers except for the enforcement of municipal by-laws. The reason is to provide a standard level of police service throughout the Province.

Since the town of Mount Pearl police lost their wider powers as a result of the proclamation of the Municipalities Act, discussions were held with the Town Council of Mount Pearl and its officials and ministers and officials of the Departments of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Justice to resolve the problem. It should be noted that some of the policemen involved had up to fourteen years of service with Mount Pearl and had an adequate level of training.

Consistent with the Department of Justice's policy to expand the services of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary and for the metropolitan area, it was decided that Mount Pearl should be the first step. To this end, it is intended to take over policing services in Mount Pearl not later than the beginning of the next fiscal year. Not later than that. It could be before but not later than the beginning of the next fiscal year.

I am also pleased to announce that members of the Town of Mount Pearl Police Force, who otherwise qualify, will be absorbed into the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary as soon as this can be conveniently done.

MR. G. OTTENHEIMER: At the same time, I wish to assure hon. members of this House that adequate protection is being provided the town of Mount Pearl by the RCMP, their detachment is at Donovans, and this will continue until the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary take over the duties of policing Mount Pearl.

And I have copies for the press.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The hon. the member for Grand Bank.

MR. L. THOMS: Mr. Speaker, I too, and my colleagues would like to associate ourselves with the retirement of the Assistant Chief of Police, Austin LeDrew, and wish him well in his retirement and also to congratulate the new Deputy Chief, Edward Coady.

Mr. Speaker, I am very happy to see that at least there has been - there is one thing that a lot of people in this Province forget and that is that the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary is exactly that, a Newfoundland Constabulary.. It is not the Royal St. John's Constabulary. And this police force, in my opinion, should be extended across the Province. Corner Brook should have the same access to this particular police force as the Town of Mount Pearl, although I am very pleased to see that the situation in Mount Pearl will be corrected by the end of this year with the policing being done by the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary -

MR. NEARY: And the same Fire Department.

MR. L. THOMS: I would urge the Minister of Justice (Mr. Ottenheimer) to proceed as quickly as possible to determine whether or not we could, in fact, extend the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary not only just to Mount Pearl and to the metropolitan area of St. John's but also across the Province. I think, probably, if we could have the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary police in Labrador it would do a tremendous job to create a feeling of Labrador belonging to Newfoundland. And I think that in itself would be worth it.

But I am extremely pleased to see that at least we are getting just a few miles outside the city of St. John's. And hope that the present minister will see fit to extend the police service across this Province.

The other point I would like to make, Mr. Speaker, just a very brief point, is that I think the Minister of Justice - I would urge the Minister of Justice to devise some mechanism whereby appointments of this type, police assistants, deputy Chief of Police be taken out of the hands of the Department of Justice. It does give it political overtones -

MR. G. OTTENHEIMER: (Inaudible) appointments are made by the Lieutenant Governor in Council but I still - I recognize the point he is making but it is by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

MR. L. THOMS: Yes, of course. But I would like to see something, maybe a board or something set up to make appointments of this sort. Take it out of the political realm that it is in right now.

But, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to see that, at least, the move is being made in the direction of having the police across this Province. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: (Simms) Any further statements?

ORAL QUESTIONS

MR. SPEAKER: (Simms) The hon. the member for Grand Bank.

MR. L. THOMS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question I would like to direct to the Minister of Transportation and Communications (Mr. Brett). The minister may be familiar with what is known as the Loop Road on the Burin Peninsula. There is about an eight mile stretch between Lord's Cove and Lawn where there has been a new section of the road put in. The minister has received representation from the Lord's Cove Community Council and also from the Greater Lamaline Area Development Association. And I would like the minister to indicate whether or not this is going to be completed and paved this year?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Transportation and Communications.

MR. BRETT: Mr. Speaker, just in case

MR. BRETT: any other members of the House are going to come up with questions like that today, I want to say that the roads programme is now being typed and hopefully I can table it in the House tomorrow and everybody will know what money is being spent where.

MR. NEARY: How come your own members are leaving out -

MR. MORGAN: Leave that until tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The hon. member for LaPoile.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Barry). We have not heard too much lately about storing oil over in the abandoned Bell Island mine, would the hon. gentleman care to give us an updating? Is it a dead issue? Is there anything happening at all in connection with the storage of crude oil over in the Bell Island mine?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Mines and Energy.

MR. BARRY: Mr. Speaker, what appeared to be a very favourable progress on the part of Wabanex in arranging for a US oil storage programme came to a sudden halt because of a change in US energy policy, where the US Government decided it was not prepared to expend the large numbers of dollars outside the country that would be necessary at this particular time, to get involved in such an oil storage programme. There are indications by the way that the US policy may change but to date the situation remains pretty much the same.

However, there is one encouraging sign and that is that we have within Canada a recognition that in the event of an emergency interruption in supply, the East Coast of Canada could be severely hit. And there is a committee of federal and provincial officials looking at the question of what is necessary in order to have adequate supplies on the East Coast in the event of such interruptions and this holds some promise for seeing that oil storage programme carried out but at this stage we will have to wait until this committee reports.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary, the hon. member for LaPoile.

MR. NEARY: Could the hon. minister indicate then, it looks like the Wabanex proposal is pretty well a dead issue, would the hon. gentleman indicate what concessions Wabanex now have on Bell Island? Do they still have control of the waterfront and all the property surrounding the waterfront? And are they still obligated to make their contributions to the municipality of Wabana as was called for in the original agreement? Is there still an agreement between the minister's department and Wabanex giving them the concessions on Bell Island?

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The hon. Minister of Mines and Energy.

MR. BARRY: Mr. Speaker, the agreement terminated as of the end of last year, I believe, and has not yet been renewed. However, I do have officials in the department working on what arrangement might be appropriate to recognize the considerable expenditure investment by Wabanex without unduly tying up the property. And I am thinking in terms of where a short-term interim understanding

MR. BARRY:

may be arrived at where government, shall we say, gives Wabanex first chance at development for a year or two years while we see whether there will, in fact, be a change in US energy policy or new developments on the Canadian scene. We think that would only be fair to recognize the fact that this company has made a significant contribution both in time and in dollars, in expenditures. As to whether this new arrangement will require Wabanex to make payments to the Bell Island council, it is too early to say at this stage.

MR. NEARY:

A final supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms):

A final supplementary. The hon.

member for LaPoile.

MR. NEARY:

That great contribution that the hon.

gentleman spoke about is not very evident on Bell Island, by the way.

I do not know where they spent their large sums of money the hon.

gentleman is talking about. But some time ago the minister - I believe

it was the minister, made a statement about developing a deep-water

port near Bell Island, between Bell Island and Kellys Island or Bell

Island and Little Bell Island in connection with the offshore drilling.

Would the hon. gentleman care to elaborate on that and tell us whether

or not that was a pipe dream or will it indeed become a reality?

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. Minister of Mines and Energy.

MR. BARRY:

Mr. Speaker, it was never advocated

by myself. I understand that there was some discussion publicly about

the possibility or feasibility of doing this. We have a consultant

commissioned or about to be commissioned to complete a survey of the

infrastructure, the port facilities and so forth that might be necessary

with commercial offshore oil and gas production. We have officials

within the Department of Public Works, Industrial Development and

Mines and Energy, the Petroleum Directorate looking at the same thing.

Bell Island is one of a number of sites that has been looked at but

it is nothing but very, very preliminary rumours that the hon. member

is referring to. There has been nothing of any concrete nature

MR. BARRY: proposed by myself nor am I aware of any proposals by any other department of government of the nature that the member referred to.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The hon. member for St. Barbe.

MR. BENNETT: Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transportation and Communications (Mr. Brett). Last year a committee came in from Reefs Harbour, Shoal Cove, New Ferolle, Bartletts and Castors River. They went back very pleased and happy with the reception they received from the minister. Now, you have just answered my colleague here suggesting that the answers will be forthcoming in a few days with regard to the dollars to be spent in various areas. I would hope,

MR. T. BENNETT: Mr. Speaker, that dollars will be available for this particular project these people came in requesting of the minister, and I would like to think that the minister could, at this time, confirm that these funds will indeed be available this upcoming year.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The hon. the Minister of Transportation and Communications.

MR. C. BRETT: Same answer as I gave to the other hon. gentleman's question, Mr. Speaker. The roads programme will be tabled tomorrow.

MR. E. ROBERTS: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary, the hon. the member for the Strait of Belle Isle.

MR. E. ROBERTS: If I might. Could the minister, announcing the roads programme is going to be tabled tomorrow, explain to us the telegram which I understand his colleague from Bonavista South (Mr. J. Morgan) sent several days ago, I am told by the newspapers, to people in Newmans Cove who have been blocking the road and who were rewarded therefor with the announcement that their road would be paved this year? Because I can say to the minister, there are eighty-seven delegations in my district ready to hit the picket lines in return for this, and that is only one constituency, there are at least forty others like it.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Transportation and Communications.

MR. C. BRETT: Mr. Speaker, I guess the hon. the member for Bonavista South, being a member of Cabinet, has been aware for some-time what the roads programme is, and if he chooses to wire his district, there is not very much I can do about it. But some members on both sides of the House, I think, through one means or another may be aware or may not be aware that some monies are available for certain parts of the district - I do not think they know how much, but you know, it is a -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Picket! Picket!

MR. SPEAKER (Simms):

The hon. the member for Windsor - Buchans.

MR. G. FLIGHT:

Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Mr. N. Windsor). I am wondering if the minister would confirm - over the years we have had subsidiary DREE agreements negotiated, the funds of which were used to build industrial parks around the Province. The minister is aware of three or four industrial parks built throughout the various communities in the Province using DREE funds either in the form of loans or grants.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER:

Order, please!

MR. G. FLIGHT:

I am wondering are we negotiating that kind of an agreement this year? Is the minister contemplating seeking an agreement with Ottawa, with DREE to fund industrial parks where they may be needed or in the towns that are requesting industrial parks?

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

MR. N. WINDSOR:

Mr. Speaker, as I understand it, I think the funding that came from the federal government came through Canada Mortgage and Housing rather than from DREE. I have not been involved in any industrial parks that were built by DREE. Some infrastructure may well have been put in place - arterial roads, water supply systems and so forth by DREE. I am not aware of any industrial parks per se that have been developed through DREE funding. But as it relates to Canada Mortgage

MR. N. WINDSOR:

and Housing there is no fundings, as I understand it, available from the Federal Government in the program under which that funding was made available it has been cancelled by the Federal Government as of the end, I think, of '78 or '79, I am not sure.

MR. G. FLIGHT:

A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms):

A supplementary, the hon. member for Windsor-Buchans.

MR. G. FLIGHT:

Mr. Speaker, over the years the town of Windsor has indicated to the Government that they desperately need an industrial tax base, a commercial tax base and that the one way of providing that tax base is to develop an industrial park. And over the years, the Province, in negotiating with the town of Windsor, has indicated that one of the routes they may be able to go for funding would be through the Federal Government under a subsidiary DREE agreement. So, that the question I am asking, number one, is there any possibility of funding for an industrial park in Windsor under any kind of shared cost with the Federal Government and if not, in this fiscal year, what is the Province's position with regard to making funding available for an industrial park in the town of Windsor?

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

MR. N. WINDSOR:

Mr. Speaker, the Federal funding that we were hoping for was, again, as I mentioned, for infrastructure such as, in the case of Windsor, the regional supply system. And funding has been put in place for that through the Province. The Federal Government has not been participating. So that has been done, as it relates to the development of the industrial park in Windsor, the main problem there, as I see it, quite frankly, is the demand and the availability of already serviced industrial land in Grand Falls at a price which is far less than we could

MR. N. WINDSOR: hope to develop in Windsor at the present time. As demand increases and as we see there is a need, then obviously the feasibility of a similar project in Windsor will be much more solid and we would then proceed. We are re-examining it. We are looking at it now actively to see if indeed Windsor is well suitably located. My colleague, the Minister of Industrial Development and his people are, in fact, assessing needs for industrial parks all over the Province.

MR. G. FLIGHT: A final supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): A final supplementary, the member for Windsor-Buchans.

MR. G. FLIGHT: Mr. Speaker, I am amazed at the minister's answer at this point in time. He well knows that Windsor has indeed been seeking an industrial park and has justified the need and justified the marketability of the lots, every business that has come to Windsor at this point in time - the problem is no land. And every piece of available commercial land has been let in Windsor. So the question I have to ask the minister, then, is what is the Province's position? Will there or will there not be an industrial park in Windsor or is the decision going to be based on whether or not the town of Grand Falls is in a position to make commercial land available for any potential businesses or light industry coming into central Newfoundland? You know, is the criteria whether or not Grand Falls can serve the need or is there a chance that Windsor will get an industrial park or is it strictly based on Grand Falls' ability to service the land and therefore have the industry come into Grand Falls?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

MR. N. WINDSOR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The decision on that, Mr. Speaker, will be, as I said, made on the basis of the saleability of an industrial park if and when one were to be developed. It is not too practical to invest public funds into developing an industrial park knowing

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MR. N. WINDSOR: before you develop it that you are not going to sell it because land is available at a cheaper rate next door or ten miles away, whatever the case may be. Obviously, the main criteria would be one of need as established by my colleague, the Minister of Industrial Development(L. Barry). If and when there is a need proven, if and when we can see that we can produce or develop

MR. N. WINDSOR:

an industrial park that is economically feasible, that will be saleable, that we will not be sitting on. As all hon. colleagues opposite have been complaining because we have housing units all over this Province, or housing lots that have not sold for various reasons, we are not about to develop more land that we are not quite sure that we can sell. So once the need is there, once the saleability is proven then, indeed, we will proceed.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The hon. member for Terra Nova.

MR. T. LUSH: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Labour and Manpower (Mr. J. Dinn) and I wonder if the minister could inform the House as to the scope, the breadth and width of the government's local preference policy as it applies to the offshore? Specifically, Mr. Speaker, I want the minister to inform the House if the local preference policy applies to particular job types, particular and specific job classifications or is it a broadly based comprehensive policy covering the whole range of jobs available for which, obviously, we have the skills and the expertise?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Labour and Manpower.

MR. J. DINN: Mr. Speaker, that is a very good question.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

MR. J. DINN The policy, as outlined in section 120, I believe, is that preference be given to Newfoundlanders where Newfoundlanders have the skills to do particular jobs. Now, in some instances where jobs are available and Newfoundlanders are not in a position to take those jobs because they do not have the necessary skills or expertise, the companies have co-operated with the government and have sent Newfoundlanders who have certain skills up to a point, they do not have quite all of the skills necessary, have agreed to take certain people and send them on various courses so that they can upgrade for the next year's drilling season sort of thing. So we are attempting to work that out with the companies. Now, when a drill rig is in here for almost a year on a year-round basis, we are continually negotiating with those companies.

MR. J. DINN: There are three drill rigs here now, the two SEDCOs and the Uglund, I believe. We are continually negotiating so that Newfoundlanders can be upgraded from one position to the next higher position and so on.

Some of the positions in the offshore are based on experience, you know. In other words, you start off at a lower position and you work your way through by years of experience. So, companies that are here on almost a year-round basis, we are on a continual basis negotiating with these companies to see to it that Newfoundlanders progress along the lines upward. For those drill rigs that come in here that are here for a very short period of time, they have certain crews. They may be here for a one month or two month period. In those cases, generally speaking, the main crew stays with the ship.

MR. J. DINN:

It is very difficult from many aspects, many points of view, the safety point of view and so on, to replace all of the crew with Newfoundlanders. So what we do in those cases is take certain positions and then get agreements from those companies to train Newfoundlanders. In other words, if we see that we should have, for example, thirty-six jobs and that if they are here for a certain period of time that that should go up to forty because Newfoundlanders should progress upwards, up the ladder, then we will ask the company to train, say four positions, so that they are upgraded. And that is how it progresses along the scale. So for the companies that are here for a very short period of time it is generally the lower skills or the ones that we have available. If we have drillers, for example, they will put drillers on, no problem at all, and that is one of the higher trained skills. In the case of the company that is here all year round, as I said, it is a matter of progression upward, up the scale.

MR. T. LUSH:

A supplementary, Mr.

Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms):

A supplementary, the hon.

member for Terra Nova.

MR. T. LUSH:

I thank the minister for his answer but he did not get into some of the specifics that I would have hoped for.

But, Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question to the minister is I wonder if the minister is aware that the companies operating the offshore supply vessels are advertising for officers for these vessels in Great Britain and other European countries?

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The hon. Minister of Labour and Manpower.

MR. J. DINN: Mr. Speaker, there is no case that I am aware of where under the regulations and under the guidelines Newfoundlanders who have skills for jobs on the offshore do not get the jobs, specifically with respect to the supply vessels. Last year we had several ships that operated in Canadian waters that had Canadian flags, that had foreign officers that operated beyond the Davis Strait area. But under no circumstances in Newfoundland waters, where under the guidelines we called for Newfoundlanders to have the jobs, where we had Newfoundlanders who were skilled to do the jobs, did we have any foreigners.

MR. T. LUSH: A final supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A final supplementary, the hon. member for Terra Nova.

MR. T. LUSH: Well, Mr. Speaker, the minister is now aware because I have made the minister aware that there is advertising for officers in Great Britain -

MR. J. DINN: Name them. Name one place.

MR. T. LUSH: - and European countries. And Mr. Speaker, we have a top-notch Fisheries College in this Province producing skilled and expert people and I say what use in this college if these trained people - and we have trainees, people who have graduated from the Fisheries College wanting to get these jobs and additionally we have captains on other boats that we want to get to these jobs.

MR. LUSH: My question to the minister is, why can we not have advertising done locally? Why can we not have advertising done in this Province? Otherwise, we have the skilled and expert workers of this Province being discriminated against in their own backyards. Let us give them equal opportunities for these jobs.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The hon. Minister of Labour and Manpower.

MR. DINN: Mr. Speaker, we have another breakthrough in the House today. We have an hon. member opposite who is now fighting for Newfoundlanders to get jobs in their own backyards.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

MR. DINN: Mr. Speaker, I was not aware that this was the policy of the Opposition -

MR. STIRLING: That worked once.

MR. DINN: - whereby we had regulations and hon. members opposite were decrying those regulations, and were against them.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. DINN: Now, Mr. Speaker -

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. DINN: - for the hon. members -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: (Inaudible).

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. DINN: - for the hon. members information, the fact of the matter is, that with respect to offshore supply vessels, with respect to captains, first mates; if the supply vessel is flying a French flag they have to have, under law, Canada does not protect us, under law a French captain and first officer. In those situations there is nothing we can do about it. Now, hon. members would say, "Well, why do they not fly a Canadian flag?" Well, the answer to that, Mr. Speaker, is the fact that the Canadian Government charges them too much. I think it is something like -

MR. FLIGHT: What about the new Newfoundland Flag?

MR. DINN: I think it is something like \$600 a day to fly the Canadian Flag. And they say, "Well -

MR. LUSH: I suppose they would with a flag like that.

MR. DINN: They say, "Well, we will fly the French flag," and under those circumstances they have to hire a French captain and chief officer.

So I would recommend to the hon. gentleman opposite to get in touch with his federal colleagues to see if we can do something about changing that silly and foolish requirement.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): Order, please! Order, please!

The hon. member for Torngat Mountains, unless he wishes to yield.

MR. WARREN: Yes, sure.

MR. NEARY: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for LaPoile a supplementary.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman just made the most foolish statement I have ever heard the hon. gentleman make in my life.

MR. ROBERTS: And that is saying a great deal.

MR. NEARY: - and that is saying a great deal. He has made some stupid and foolish -

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. NEARY: - statements. But this hiring policy is turning out to be a great farce.

Is the hon. gentleman aware that these companies who operate the offshore supply vessels go to Canada Manpower and because the officers, the captains and the first mates, second mates and engineers, are not listed with Canada Manpower they then have to go and ask Immigration to allow these officers to come into this country, to come into the Province to work on these ships? And there is where the hon. gentleman could stop it, whether under foreign flags or not. And what is the hon. gentleman doing? I am shocked to hear that they are advertising in Great Britain and Europe -

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. NEARY:

- for mates and for officers for these boats.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER (Simms):

Order, please!

MR. NEARY:

Why are they not advertising -

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Oh, oh!

MR. STIRLING:

Let the man ask his question.

MR. SPEAKER:

I understand the hon. member has asked his question I believe.

MR. NEARY:

No. My final part of the question -

MR. SPEAKER:

A very long preamble. I would ask him to direct his question.

MR. NEARY:

The final part of the question is if they are advertising in Great Britain and Europe why are they not running the same ad in the newspapers here in Newfoundland?

MR. ROBERTS:

Because of the four per cent tax on knowledge.

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. Minister of Labour and Manpower.

MR. DINN:

Mr. Speaker, because of the four per cent tax on knowledge, I think, is the answer the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Roberts) gave to that question. If the hon. member for LaPoile (Mr. Neary) is satisfied with that answer, then maybe he can debate it with the Opposition House Leader.

MR. WINDSOR:

He will never pay four per cent.

MR. DINN:

The fact of the matter is that the Canadian Government appears not to co-operate at all with hiring Canadians in the offshore.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Oh, oh!

MR. DINN:

These ships will not fly Canadian flags because of the impediments.

MR. SPEAKER:

Order, please. I assume the hon. member has asked a question in order to get an answer but it is very difficult to get an answer when there is so much objection and interjection.

The hon. Minister of Labour and Manpower.

MR. DINN: The hon. member for LaPoile (Mr. Neary) obviously, Mr. Speaker, does not want the answer.

MR. NEARY: Oh yes I do.

MR. JAMIESON: A supplementary.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The hon. member for Torngat Mountains, if he wishes to yield, the hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. ROBERTS: Keep trying Garfield.

MR. JAMIESON: I just wanted to ask the hon. Minister of Labour and Manpower (Mr. Dinn) is he aware that the regulation is to avoid indeed a whole series of foreign owned bottoms flying Canadian flags? I suggest that he look into the reason for that before he starts calling it a silly policy in the context that he did.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Labour and Manpower.

MR. DINN: Mr. Speaker -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. DINN: Mr. Speaker, whether the policy is silly or foolish or not, the fact of the matter is that all jobs in the offshore where we could possibly have control, we have Newfoundlanders in those jobs, where we do not have control is the captain and chief officer and I will challenge any member opposite, in the supply vessels, I will challenge -

MR. NEARY: Three mates came here recently from Germany.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. DINN: - I will challenge any member opposite in any supply vessel that is working in Newfoundland waters offshore, I will challenge any member opposite to name one person -

MR. NEARY: Yes. Three Germans came over recently -

MR. DINN: - Mr. Speaker, and that challenge I lay out to any member opposite.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for Torngat Mountains.

MR. NEARY: - working with a Newfoundland company.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

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MR. NEARY:

With a Newfoundland company.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms):

Order, please!

MR. NEARY:

Joint (inaudible) with a Newfoundland company -

MR. SPEAKER:

Order, please!

MR. NEARY:

- and a Germany company.

Thank you, Your Honour.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): Order, please! Order, please!

The hon. the member for Torngat Mountains.

MR. G. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Rural, Agricultural and Northern Development (Mr. J. Goudie).

I understand the student dormitory at North West River in Labrador will be closed down this coming June. Could the minister advise if alternative accommodation has been provided for students coming in from the Labrador Coast to attend school in North West River?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Rural, Agricultural and Northern Development.

MR. J. GOUDIE: Mr. Speaker, the student dorm to which the hon. member refers will be closing, at least as far as my department is concerned, at the end of this school year, at approximately the end of June. When I suggest that it will be closing, all I am saying is that there are no funds provided in the Estimates of my department for funding of the dorm beyond that particular date.

In relation to alternative accommodations for these students, I have made no particular arrangements.

MR. G. WARREN: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary, the hon. the member for Torngat Mountains.

MR. G. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, my supplementary is, to what extent will the minister's department assist students coming out from different communities on the Coast of Labrador to North West River this coming year? What assistance will be provided by the Department of Rural Development this coming year?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Rural, Agricultural and Northern Development.

MR. J. GOUDIE: Mr. Speaker, I have not considered offering any additional assistance to students coming from the Coast of Labrador.

MR. J. GOUDIE: I understood - and I can be corrected by my colleague, the Minister of Education (Ms L. Verge) that high school is offered in communities on the Coast of Labrador at this point in time and that is why the student dorm in North West River is being closed down and they do not have to come in to the community of North West River.

MR. G. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, a final supplementary.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): A final supplementary, the hon. the member for Torngat Mountains.

MR. G. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, my final supplementary is, in Rigolet there is no high school and even in the hon. member's own district of Mud Lake where last year there were nine students from Mud Lake who went to school in North West River - this coming year there will be at least six or seven coming in from Mud Lake to go to North West River. So there are no high schools in those two communities nor in Paradise River. I am just wondering has the minister - probably I should be asking the question of the Minister of Education. Has any consideration been given to operating a smaller dormitory? I understand there is a smaller building that can be converted into a dormitory in North West River other than the large student dormitory that is closing down. Has the department given any consideration to operating a smaller dormitory which would not be as expensive?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Rural, Agricultural and Northern Development.

MR. J. GOUDIE: Mr. Speaker, I realize that the community of Mud Lake does not have high school. I understood the member to be asking questions about the Coast of Labrador, not the interior of Labrador. I would suggest to the hon. member that there are many other schools in the Happy Valley - Goose Bay area where these students can attend if they so desire, and the quality of education in the Happy Valley - Goose Bay area is equal to that offered at the school in North West River.

My department, as I indicated in the first part of the question, has not allocated any funds under the Native People's Agreement-and that is the agreement that the hon. gentleman is talking about -

MR. J. GOUDIE: to fund the dorm beyond the end of this present school year which expires sometime in June month. Accommodating any students? - no, there is a student aid programme where students from native communities, if they travel to other centres to further their education, university, high school in some cases, can take advantage of a very generous student aid programme of which the hon. member is fully aware, at least he should be - he worked in the department for three or four years. But in terms of providing alternative accommodation, no.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): Order, please!

The time for Oral Questions has expired.

I would like to welcome to the galleries today on behalf of all hon. members, the Mayor of Labrador City, Mr. Carl Hiscock, accompanied by several councillors from the district of Menihek.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: Also in the gallery we have with us -

and I am sure hon. members would like to welcome him - a former member of this hon. House for the district then of Burgeo - LaPoile, Mr. Walter Hodder, who is the father of the present member for Port au Port (Mr. J. Hodder).

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

NOTICES OF MOTION

MR. N. WINDSOR: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

MR. N. WINDSOR: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I will on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a bill, "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act."

MR. SPEAKER: (Simms)

The hon. the Minister of Finance.

DR. J. COLLINS:

I give notice that I will on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a bill entitled, "An Act To Amend Certain Taxation Statutes".

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the Minister of Mines and Energy.

MR. L. BARRY:

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I will on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Electrical Power Control Act".

MR. SPEAKER:

Are there any further notices?

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the Minister of Rural, Agricultural and Northern Development.

MR. J. GOUDIE:

Mr. Speaker, I have the answers to two questions posed by the hon. member for LaPoile (Mr. S. Neary). The first answer I have was tabled in the House some time ago, I think before the Winter recess or last Fall, relating to the cost of maintaining livestock inspectors at North Sydney. That information was tabled before but it reappeared on the Order Paper so here is the information all over again the same as was tabled before.

MR. S. NEARY:

What year?

MR. J. GOUDIE:

Well, late 1979 was when the question was asked, this is the second time.

The other question, Mr. Speaker, which was posed also by the hon. member for LaPoile, 'list of names of individuals and/or companies who received loans from the RDA and the Farm Development Loan Board and the purpose for which the loans were granted'. The answer is in two parts, one dealing with the Rural Development Authority. I am not tabling the names of any individuals who received loans, I might point out to the hon. member and to any other hon. member of the House that if that information is required by any member all one has to do is approach the staff downstairs in the department, the person who is being inquired upon will be notified that an hon. member of the House is seeking information on his or her particular loan and the information can be

MR. J. GOUDIE: provided within seventy-two hours.

MR. E. ROBERTS: Is that conditional upon the borrower giving his consent?

MR. J. GOUDIE: No, not getting consent but the borrower is notified that some hon. members -

MR. E. ROBERTS: Well, why not simply notify all of them that we would like to have all of them?

MR. J. GOUDIE: Well, if the hon. member wants he can come down to the department but -

MR. E. ROBERTS: Well, I am saying it in the House, I mean, why do I have to go scuttling down to a department?

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): Order, please! Order, please!

MR. J. GOUDIE: Because that is the way it works right now.

MR. SPEAKER: This is Answers to Questions.

MR. J. GOUDIE: The information on the Rural Development Authority is here, Mr. Speaker. On the Farm Development Loan Board there are copies to be - I will not read out all of the answers, it will take the next hour or so which I assume is not required right now. There were some 500 jobs created. That may be an interesting point there that some people may wish to pay attention to but there are copies for every hon. member of the House, Mr. Speaker, and here is the information.

MR. S. NEARY: How do we get the names?

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any further answers to questions?

MR. J. GOUDIE: Come down to the office.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Transportation and Communications.

MR. C. BRETT: Mr. Speaker, I have the answer to a question which appeared on the Order Paper of May 5th. The question was asked by the hon. member for LaPoile. The question was, "What are the monthly totals paid to EPA or reimbursed to workers to and from Labrador since January 1, 1977 under the scheme to reduce fares for residents of Labrador?" The answer is typewritten and I will read it.

The Department of Transportation and

MR. C. BRETT: Communications does not pay monthly reimbursements to EPA.

MR. S. NEARY: Who pays it?

MR. C. BRETT: Well, wait now until I am finished.

This programme applies to residents of Labrador who travel to the Island and return by air. A resident of Labrador is a person who resides in Labrador permanently and/or has permanent employment in Labrador. Residents of Labrador who travel for personal reasons to the Island and return are eligible. For those whose fares are paid by or on behalf of the Armed Forces, government, industry, business, organizations or groups in general or persons receiving reduced fares from airlines are not eligible for payment. However, excursion, family plan, student and certain special group fares will be eligible for payment of this subsidy.

So, reimbursed to residents of Labrador since 1977 are in the fiscal year 1977-78, \$350,000; fiscal year 1978-79, \$317,900; and the fiscal year 1979-80, \$347,500 for a total of \$1,015,400.

MR. SPEAKER: (Simms) Are there any further answers to questions?

The hon. Minister of Fisheries.

MR. J. MORGAN: Mr. Speaker, in compliance with the open government portrayed by this administration here, we now make available to the House, as a result of questions put forward by the hon. gentleman from LaPoile (Mr. S. Neary) asking that the Minister of Fisheries place upon the Table of the House the information regarding loans made by the Fisheries Loan Board - Mr. Speaker, I now table all the information regarding the names, the addresses and the purpose of the loans made by the Loan Board for the last year - all information.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any further answers to questions?

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MR. SPEAKER: (Simms)

Private Member's Day.

MR. MARSHALL:

With agreement, Mr. Speaker,

with agreement of the Opposition -

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL:

It has been agreed that we will call the Worker's Compensation Act which is Order 42, Bill No. 46.

MR. SPEAKER:

Is that agreed? The hon. member for the Strait of Belle Isle.

MR. ROBERTS:

Mr. Speaker, may I confirm what my learned friend has said, that we have agreed in the interest of expediting the passage of this bill. Let me add that my understanding is that this bill will receive second reading this day in the House so I would simply say to all hon. members that the only reasonable and fair way to approach this is for each side to divide it. We have approximately two hours until six o'clock so I would hope that those on both sides, the minister introducing it and those on our side responding and so forth, would govern themselves accordingly because I believe there are a number of members who would like to say a few words and hopefully those of us who wish to get in it will all confine ourselves to relatively few words. I think the amendments themselves are fairly simple. It is the principle that we all want to get involved in and we on our part, on that understanding will agree to give this bill second reading by six o'clock. We are certainly going to support it so there is no problem there.

Motion, second reading of a bill, "An Act To Amend The Worker's Compensation Act" (Bill No. 46)

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the Minister of Labour and Manpower.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. DINN: Mr. Speaker, first of all, before I get into the principle of the amendment to the Workers' Compensation Act, let me thank all the hon. members of this House, the Opposition included, the Opposition House Leader for getting together with our Government House Leader, for allowing us to bring in this very important amendment to the Workers' Compensation Act on Private Member's Day. Realizing the importance of Private Members' Day and the way in which we have debated many issues in this House, I think it is incumbent upon me as Minister of Labour and Manpower to personally thank the Leader of the Opposition, the Opposition House Leader and all hon. members Opposite for allowing this very important amendment, the second reading of which, hopefully, will pass today, to go through the House. Having said that, Mr. Speaker, let me also thank some of the people who, in the course of bringing this bill, or getting this bill into the House, assisted me in the ways in which they have. I want to thank, for example, the new Chairman of the Workers' Compensation Board who, on my request last year having taken over that post, set about the task of investigating in the other provinces of Canada, British Columbia, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island to see how they operate and how they handle the situation and was very pleased to get his report in about November of last year, November or early December. And, also, to thank the Newfoundland Fisherman Food and Allied Workers' Union for their meetings, and sometimes these meetings were called on short notice, for coming in and explaining their position and also putting their position on paper and making it quite clear to me in presenting their case. I would also like to thank Mr. Bill Wells, who represented the companies in this Province, who came in, also on very short notice, and who eventually set forth the companies' case. I would like to thank the former minister of the Department of Labour and Manpower who initiated this good piece of legislation, the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) who arranged some of the meetings with the Fishermen's Union

MR. DINN: down in his office both here in the Confederation Building and over in my department and for the way in which all people who were involved in those discussions handled themselves. Now, I also want to thank the other unions in the Province who sent in their concerns in various ways, in either letter form or by sending their cards along, and also the some 8,500 who presented their petition to the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) showing their concern for the fishermen in this Province. And I am glad today to have this piece of legislation before the hon. House and hopefully, as the hon. Opposition House Leader has indicated, we will get unanimous support by all members of the House so that the fishermen

MR. J. DINN:

of this Province, all the fishermen of this Province can be protected so that their wives and children have some sort of compensation or insurance policy in the case of injury or, indeed, in the case of death.

Now, Mr. Speaker, this is a long time in coming, as I indicated in a Ministerial Statement in this House several weeks ago, there was an amendment to the Workers' Compensation Act brought in in 1973, and that amendment had the intent of covering all fishermen in the Province where there were three or more in a boat and whilst sometimes the best of intentions are put forward in legislation, not always can they be carried out in reality. And this happened to be the case with the particular amendment in 1973, where fishermen were covered. They had coverage under the Workers' Compensation Act but there was virtually no way to collect the assessment and thus those fishermen who were injured or maimed in accidents, accidental injury or death in the Province, some of them put in requests for compensation and received it and others of them did not because they did not know they were covered.

Now, Mr. Speaker, today we hope to, as I say, pass the amendment to Workers' Compensation so that all fishermen in the Province will be covered by Workers' Compensation. In the amendment we are looking for the capability of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council passing regulations so that the buyers of fish will be deemed to be the employer for the purpose of the assessments, the captains or the owner of the vessel to be the one responsible for the safety on board and the reporting of accidents, etc. And I am sure that some hon. members, specifically those, with respect to those who are living in fishing districts, will want to have a few words to say on this but I want to say that if we can get second reading through today and if we can get this Bill passed through the House, in the next week or so, then, upon proclamation I hope

MR. J. DINN: to have the regulations, The Workers' Compensation Board and lawyers in the Department of Justice are working on the regulations right now so that we can have coverage for our fishermen for Workers' Compensation, all fishermen in the Province, universally, as soon as possible. Certainly, within the next two weeks.

Some of the main points in the amendment that we are proposing here today are that, as I said, buyers would be considered to be the employers for the purpose of paying the assessments on the amount of fish purchased. The buyers will not be responsible, as I said, for safety aboard the boat except in such cases where the boat is owned and/or under charter to the company.

The captain or owner of the boat will be responsible for safety procedures and would also be responsible for reporting all accidents happening aboard the boat. And the buyer will remit the required assessment to the Board on a quarterly or half-yearly basis and coverage will be universal, as I said, for single fishermen or crew, for all fishermen in the Province and compulsory for all fishermen who hold a valid fishing licence.

Mr. Speaker, this is and has been a long time coming in the Province. It is an amendment to a piece of legislation that I am particularly proud of. I am particularly proud and happy that I received the cooperation that I did in discussing with representatives of the companies and the unions. Since the announcement in the House, I have not heard of any adverse comments on what we have proposed, and I would hope that all members of the House would speak in support of this amendment. As the hon. the Opposition House Leader said, there are probably many members in the House who will want to speak to the amendment on the Workers' Compensation Act and

MR. J. DINN: I would hope, and I am sure that the members of the Opposition, that members on this side of the House who have an interest in fishing districts will have their few words to say between now and 6:00 P.M., that we can get second reading through and that we can expedite this very, very important amendment to the Workers' Compensation Act.

Mr. Speaker, I will listen intently to the debate. I will, hopefully, in closing the debate, answer any questions that hon. members opposite and on this side of the House may have, and would also hope that we can get this passed as quickly as possible because of the importance of the amendment.

Thank you very much.

MR. SPEAKER (Butt): The hon. the member for Terra Nova.

MR. T. LUSH: Mr. Speaker, I want to assure the minister that we will be supporting this legislation wholeheartedly. As a matter of fact, I would venture to say that this is the only worthwhile piece of legislation that we have dealt with in this particular session. It is the only useful and practical piece of legislation that we have had the pleasure to sanction on this side of the House, to support. And, Mr. Speaker, we would like to be associated, certainly, with the passing of this particular piece of legislation. I can assure the minister that there will be no intention on this side of the House to unnecessarily delay the passage of this particular piece of legislation, because like the minister, we are anxious for the fishermen of this Province to get the full protection that they will receive under this particular legislation. Mr. Speaker, we are glad to be associated with it, and indeed, I suppose to a certain extent, glad to have been the cause or certainly to have helped in the cause of initiating this particular legislation. Now, we do not want to take any large degree of credit, Mr. Speaker, because over the weekend there was a great scramble for credit on this particular piece of legislation. The minister was on radio - the Minister of Labour and Manpower, it was a dual play on the radio stations. The Minister of Labour and Manpower (Mr. J. Dinn) was on, taking great pride, and so he

MR. T. LUSH: should, in having this bill ready for presentation in the House of Assembly. But, of course, right on his heels he was followed by the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. J. Morgan) who wanted to take credit as well.

Well, Mr. Speaker, on this side of the House we are not anxious about the credit. What we are anxious about is who is going to benefit from this piece of legislation.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. T. LUSH: It is not the credit, it is the beneficiaries, it is the people who are going to benefit. But, Mr. Speaker, naturally, if there is any little bit of credit at all due to hon. members on this side of the House, we would like to acknowledge it. And it was the member for St. Mary's - The Capes (Mr. D. Hancock), I believe, who presented a petition in this hon. House in this particular session, calling for Workers' Compensation. Now, the Minister of Fisheries did so too, but he did not do it at all in the same forceful way that the member for St. Mary's - The Capes did. He did not do it the same at all.

MR. L. THOMS: He was being political.

MR. T. LUSH: But I tell you, he was on the radio over the weekend though, trying to get the credit. And, you know, it shows a difference in politicians. I do not believe that the member for St. Mary's - The Capes went on the radio at all when he presented the petition. I do not believe he did, did he?

MR. G. WARREN: Not too much.

MR. T. LUSH: Well, he was called in by C.B.C., which the man could not very well say no to. When C.B.C. gives you a call it is only mannerly to go. Or the N.T.V. - any of them, when they call you and ask an hon. member to speak to some issue on which he waxed eloquent in the House of Assembly when he was talking and speaking up for the rights of the people, it is only right, of course, that they should extend that courtesy to C.B.C., N.T.V. or whatever media it might be. I generally do it to extend them that courtesy sometimes, and that is only the right and proper thing to do.

Mr. Speaker, this is a serious issue. We have talked in this hon. House time and time again about how this was

MR. T. LUSH: an historic day because of a particular piece of legislation. I have not seen a more historic piece of legislation passed than is going to be passed here right now. This truly can be called an historic piece of legislation, the only piece of legislation, as I have said before, that has been useful, worthwhile and practical to a very important group of people in this Province, the fishermen -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. T. LUSH: - the people, Mr. Speaker, that make a great contribution to our economy.

As I have said before, we are especially delighted - I am trying to find another more forceful expression - but we are especially delighted to be associated with this particular piece of legislation and to give it our full support, Mr. Speaker, for this very important group of people, a specific group actually, because this is amending legislation. Because the previous legislation did not take in all classifications of fishermen. It was not universal. I think generally it was the inshore

MR. T. LUSH: fishermen, the independent fishermen and maybe just the family fishermen, the people who are engaged in two or three in the fisheries, that it was very difficult for the legislation at that time to apply to the Workers' Compensation. And this is the amending legislation and as the minister pointed out it will have universal application, universal application as it applies to fishermen.

And, Mr. Speaker, that is certainly important, that is certainly a significant day for the fishermen of this Province, the small, independent inshore fishermen. It is a significant day, a red letter day for these fishermen of this Province. Mr. Speaker, one wonders what misery, what human misery, what financial burdens were imposed on the fishermen of this Province as a result of the lack of this kind of legislation. And, of course, the converse of that is what a great day it is going to be for them now to know that in the event of injury, and following the proper procedures, that these men now will be compensated when they are off work for loss of limb and all of this sort of thing. It is a great day for the fishermen. And, hopefully, the days of human misery and financial burden that were caused as a result of this lack of legislation is now remedied, is now cured.

So, Mr. Speaker, naturally we do not know what form the regulations will take but we certainly hope that they are not going to be too cumbersome, that they are going to be simple and understood by all of the fishermen in this Province.

MR. T. LUSH: The administration of this bill, I would think, is going to be rather difficult, it is going to be rather difficult by the very nature of the legislation, by the very nature of the beast, if you will. because, I suppose, this was one of the things that kept the thing from being legislated much earlier, the problems of deciding who was going to pay the premiums and who was going to qualify and all of this sort of thing.

I mentioned, I think, the last time that I was talking to this legislation, or when the minister indicated that it was going to be brought into the House, that it was sad that British Columbia was the Province that led the way in this and we are the Province that is normally thought of throughout Canada as the 'Fishing Province'. It is too bad, being the leaders in fishing in Canada, in North America and throughout the world, we hope, that we could not have brought in this legislation on our own.

But that again, Mr. Speaker, is not important. The fact of the matter is, that it was brought in - and again it was my suggestion, Mr. Speaker, that we follow British Columbia. The day that I brought it in, I believe it was the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) who said that there was no such Act in British Columbia, they did not have this.

MR. STIRLING: He does not know anything.

MR. T. LUSH: Well, a couple of days after - now the Minister of Labour and Manpower (Mr. Dinn) did not say that - a couple of days after he came back and lo and behold it was modelled on the British Columbia Workers' Compensation for fishermen.

MR. T. LUSH:

Well, Mr. Speaker, I mentioned that there could be some administrative difficulties and this is where we hope that the regulations will not be too stringent, that there will be flexibility in them in the reporting of accidents because, as all hon. members know with respect to Workers' Compensation, the reporting of an accident, the time when you report the accident is very, very important. And one wonders how we can deal with this when we are talking about one fishermen or even with two. It is 'Who do we have to report to?', you know, is it the fishermen who are fishing with you? Is there any boss? Normally you would report it to your boss. In this case do you report it to the buyer? So there will be some problems, some administrative difficulties.

But again, British Columbia is doing it and if British Columbia can do it I am sure we can do it. They have not thrown away the bill. The bill is working there and I am sure it is going to work here. But again, there are these administrative difficulties and we are sure that the minister is aware of the difficulties. And we hope that the regulations will not be too stringent, will not be too complex, will not be too complicated because the regulations, really, could almost be so stringent that it would almost make it impossible for a fishermen to qualify.

But, I am sure that is not the intention of the minister. He has gone this far now in amending this legislation, making it universal and I am sure that he is going to make sure that the regulations

MR. LUSH: are in order or carry out the spirit of the bill and, indeed, that there be nothing in it that will make the coverage difficult to obtain. And realizing, of course, the administrative difficulties, I am sure that when we do the regulations that they will be done in a way that will sort of make it less complicated, or make it as easy as possible for the fishermen to file their claims, report their accidents or whatever.

But, Mr. Speaker, again I am not going to delay in talking to this bill and this particular legislation other than to say it is a very important piece of legislation, possibly the most important piece of legislation that has come not only before this session, Mr. Speaker, but a number of sessions, a very important piece of legislation for a very important group of workers, working in the primary sector of this Province and making a substantial contribution to our economy. Mr. Speaker, we welcome the bill and we fully support it.

Thank you.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER (Butt): The hon. member for Burgeo-Bay d'Espoir.

MR. ANDREWS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Just a few words to support this bill. This is legislation that is certainly needed for the fishermen of Newfoundland all over the Island and I am glad to see that the natural support is coming from the other side of this hon. House. I think it reflects what this government is doing, the continuing fight to improve conditions of fishermen and the situation for fishermen in Newfoundland as is our continuing fight to regain and preserve the Norther cod stocks along the Coast of Newfoundland and Labrador for Newfoundland fishermen, and for Newfoundland plant workers. This is a piece of legislation that is certainly very badly needed.

I am very pleased to see that the government did, I will not say react, but acted as quickly as possible when the urgent need for this legislation was brought to the government's attention. It so happens that any fishermen in Newfoundland, even before this legislation will be passed, could obtain Workmen's Compensation, or Workers' Compensation. However, there was a financial burden placed upon any individual fisherman, that

MR. ANDREWS: he would pay, I think, if the hon. minister will correct me, he would have to pay the double contribution towards such protection. In this case he may still have to pay the double compensation but that can be argued with the fish processors.

Another point, I think, which I would compliment the minister on was that this legislation was brought before the House without any consultation with the fish processors involved, as I understand it. So it is an indication that the government is quite willing to get on with the business of improving social and working conditions for workers and in this case, particularly, fishermen throughout the Island.

I know the fishermen in the district of Burgeo-Bay d'Espoir, particularly along the coastal area where all the fishermen are, will be quite pleased with this legislation, and once again it is a reflection of the improving social and economic conditions in Newfoundland and Labrador.

I certainly support this legislation.

MR. SPEAKER (Butt):

The hon. member for LaPoile.

MR. NEARY:

I rise to support the amendment to the Workers' Compensation Act, Mr. Speaker, and in so doing would like to point out to members, so they will not get completely overcome and carried away at this being a great Tory reform, this is merely an amendment to the Workers' Compensation Act, one of the best pieces of legislation ever brought into this Province by a Liberal Government back in 1949, shortly after Newfoundland went into Confederation. I think it was '49 or '50 the Workmen's Compensation Act was approved, it was copied after the Workmen's Compensation Act in Saskatchewan. And, Mr. Speaker, further, so that hon. gentlemen will not get completely overcome and start taking credit for covering the fishermen of this Province under the Workers' Compensation Act, let me remind hon. gentlemen that it was a Liberal Government, back in the last sixties or early seventies, that amended the Workmen's Compensation Act to include fisherman.

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MR. NEARY:

And all this does is amend the act. It

makes -

MR. STIRLING:

It makes it easier.

MR. NEARY:

Well, I will tell you what the problem was,

I will try to explain the thing as I remember it because I happened to be

in the House when - I believe, Mr. Speaker, I am not quite sure,

MR. S. NEARY: but I believe I was the one who piloted the 'ammendment to the Workmen's Compensation Act through the House to cover fishermen. Certainly, if it was not me it was the Premier of the day. I was acting Minister of Labour at the time and I was the one who had to deal with this particular matter.

The problem that arose, Mr. Speaker, - well, let me clear that off the deck first. Let nobody be under any illusion that this is something new. This is something old. Fishermen are already covered under the Workers' Compensation Act. Inshore fishermen are already covered. The minister knows that. The problem was that the premiums could not be collected. Therein lies the problem. The skipperman of, say, a longliner did not feel that he was obligated or it was his duty to collect the Workmen's Compensation contributions from his crew.

The problem was that the authority had not been delegated to those people who were supposed to be responsible for collecting the premiums and that is where the situation broke down. But, do not let the Minister of Fisheries (J. Morgan) or the Minister of Manpower (J. Dinn) get on the radio and say, 'Oh, what a major reform this is going to be and try to claim credit for it. It was the Smallwood administration that covered the fishermen of this Province.

AN HON. MEMBER: No, no.

MR. NEARY: Oh, yes, yes, yes, And I am amazed, Mr. Speaker. I am absolutely amazed that nowhere in the Workers' Compensation Act is there authority to give the Board the authority to make regulations. I am amazed at that. Because all this does, all this ammendment does is give the Board the power to make regulations. In other words, to give the Board the power to make regulations to try to spell out in more detail who should be responsible for collecting the premiums. That is all it does. Now, granted that is a very important step, something that was left out of the original

MR. S. NEARY: amendments. Nobody at the time thought that there would be any problem in collecting the premiums but apparently there was a problem develop. So, all this does is give the Board the right, the authority to make regulations respecting the application of provisions of Part 1 relating to 'workers apply to fishermen.' And provisions of Part 1 relating to 'employers apply to commercial buyers.' That is what it does, Mr. Speaker.

It does not, this does not -and let me repeat that so it will sink in to the thick heads of anybody who may think that fishermen are being covered in this Province for the first time, that is not so, not so. And I hope that will filter through, that nobody will go out of this House and say, 'Oh, the fishermen of Newfoundland, the inshore fishermen are covered for the first time' because that is not so. The fishermen have been covered, I would say, for the last ten years, ten years, through good Liberal legislation.

AN HON. MEMBER: Good Liberal legislation.

MR. L. STIRLING: That is correct.

MR. J. MORGAN: But it did not work.

MR. S. NEARY: Ah, it did not work. Mr. Speaker, I wonder how much effort was exerted on the power of the Workers' Compensation Board to make it work?

MR. G. WARREN: For the last seven years of this administration.

MR. NEARY: Yes, that is right. Seven years have gone by and only for the Newfoundland Fish Food and Allied Workers' Union right now, only for the great campaign that was put on by Richard Cashin and by the executive and by the members of the Fishermen Food And Allied Workers Union, we would not have this amendment today.

I have, down in my office, a stack of cards that I received from my own district of LaPoile where we have the greatest, the best inshore fishery in Newfoundland. The best, bar none.

MR. NEARY: It is a year-round inshore fishery. It peaks in the Wintertime and a lot of people are not aware of that. The inshore fishery on the Southwest coast is year-round. The only time the fishermen take off is when their boats are in for their annual refit and they take a couple of weeks holidays so the fishermen may be ashore, say, for anywhere from a month and a half to two months and that is it, the rest of the time they are fishing. Inshore fishermen, the best in the Province. They have been covered under this Workers' Compensation for inshore fishermen but the problem, Mr. Speaker, as I indicated, was that the skippermen did not feel it was their responsibility to collect the premium from their crew and there was no way apparently to enforce it. I suppose it could have been enforced, Mr. Speaker, but it would have been a bit of a jungle. And when the fishermen of this Province were covered under the Workmen's Compensation Act it was virtually impossible to make the arrangements that you can make today because the fishery has changed so drastically.

MR. TULK: It is better today.

MR. NEARY: No, it is more organized because of the Fishermen's Union and not government policy. This government had as much to do with the improvements in the fishery in this Province as the man in the moon. They had nothing to do with it. It grew and developed and prospered despite the policy of this government. The hon. gentleman sits over there, real true blue blood Tory, through his innuendo trying to claim a little credit for the development of the fishery in this Province. I remember once when I was in Cabinet every fish plant in Newfoundland was bankrupt and the Liberal government had to bail out every fish plant in Newfoundland, every one of them, bar none, and apart from the fish plant in St. Lawrence and the one that was built down in Arnold's Cove, every fish plant in this Province apart from these two - I do not think there are any others.

MR. HOLLETT: The St. Lawrence one is due to the Federal government.

MR. NEARY: I will mention that. But every one of them was built under a Liberal administration. And the one in St. Lawrence, my hon. friend reminds me, was built partly out of funds from the Government of Canada, the Liberal government up there in Ottawa, and Arnold's Cove, I presume, had DREE grants too, so part of the cost of construction, of building that plant came from the Government of Canada. Every other plant in this Province was built under a Liberal government. And then came the 200 mile limit, another great Liberal concept which my hon. friend shared in. The present Leader of the Opposition played a major role - I believe signed the agreement. Can you imagine, Mr. Speaker, I never thought I would ever see the day when I would sit in this House side by side, almost seating mates with the gentleman who signed the declaration of the 200 mile limit. Take that! Is he a Tory? Is he an NDP?

MR. MORGAN: He is a Newfoundlander.

MR. NEARY: A Newfoundlander, but he is not a Liberal. He is a Newfoundlander. The hon. gentleman will not even grudgingly admit that the hon. gentleman is in any way shape or form associated with the Liberal party either of Canada or of Newfoundland, that would be expecting too much, no more than the Minister of Manpower (Mr. Dinn) will admit that the fishermen of this Province are already covered under Workers' Compensation.

AN HON. MEMBER: It is not true.

MR. NEARY: It is true, an act brought in this House by a Liberal Administration.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible) date exactly?

MR. NEARY: 1968, the deep sea fishermen, I believe, and 1969 or 1970 the inshore fishermen. So it was the Liberal Party in this Province that pioneered this kind of legislation. And what we are seeing now is an amendment to give the board the authority to make regulations. That is all we are doing here, Mr. Speaker. Read the Act, take it and read it. I have a few minutes, if I can find my glasses maybe I will read it.

MR. JAMIESON: Try mine.

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MR. NEARY:

I have my own here somewhere if I
can only find them. Mr. Speaker, let us see what it says here,

MR. S. NEARY: see what the explanatory note says, see what kind of a major reform we are talking about.

"The amendment would provide for the power to make regulations respecting the application of provisions of Part I relating to workers apply to fishermen," that does not make any sense, "Part I relating to workers apply for fishermen", that seems to be a typographical error there, "and provisions of Part I relating to employers apply to commercial buyers or other commercial recipients of fish or to any person engaged within the Province of transmitting payments to fishermen."

So, Mr. Speaker, there is no mention here in the explanatory notes or in the bill itself that we are now introducing a piece of legislation to cover the inshore fishermen. What we are doing is giving the Board the authority to make regulations so that they can collect the premium and that is what that bill is all about. It is a bill to try to work out some kind of a formula, some kind of a procedure whereby it will be compulsory for either the skippermen, the buyers or the employers to collect the premium. You can call this bill, if you like, a bill to make it compulsory for somebody to collect premiums for the Workers' Compensation Board.

MR. J. DINN: Buyers.

MR. S. NEARY: Buyers, in this case, buyers. You could not do that ten years but you can do it today. But I am still amazed that there is no authority in the Act to give the Board the right to make regulations. Maybe there is, I have not had time to check it.

MR. J. DINN: There is authority.

MR. S. NEARY: There is authority, Well, why now then are we asking for authority to make regulations if the authority -

MR. J. DINN: They are allowed to make regulations but we want to specify what regulations they can make.

MR. S. NEARY: So, we are broadening the terms of reference as far as making regulations are concerned. So, Mr. Speaker, that is very good but if the hon. Minister of Fisheries (Mr. J. Morgan) wants to take to the air waves, and the Hon. Minister of Labour and Manpower (Mr. J. Dinn) wants to take to the air waves and accuse the Opposition of

MR. S. NEARY: delaying the process of this bill because we wanted to debate a flag, well, let me remind hon. gentlemen, and I should not have to do it, that it is the government that calls the business in this House and if the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. J. Morgan) and the Minister of Labour and Manpower (Mr. J. Dinn) want to behave like hypocrites - Your Honour is going through the books, maybe I should withdraw that because hypocrites is unparliamentary.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

MR. S. NEARY: But if they want to try to deceive -

MR. D. JAMIESON: Just now he was smiling. There, he is reading your pictures.

MR. S. NEARY: - the people of this Province, it is their own crowd they should be criticizing. We spent two and a half weeks in this House debating a foolish flag when we should have been debating matters of urgent public importance.

MR. G. WARREN: A waste of taxpayers' money.

MR. S. NEARY: And whose fault was it? Was it our fault?

MR. G. WARREN: The government's fault.

MR. S. NEARY: The government calls the order of business, why even a Kindergarten student knows that and yet the Minister of Fisheries and the Minister of Labour and Manpower try to deceive the public by saying we should pass the Workers' Compensation Act and here we are wasting our time on a flag.

AN HON. MEMBER: We did not.

MR. S. NEARY: Well, who is wasting the time of the House, and the time of the people of this Province? The hon. gentleman says "We did not". Who called the orders, who forced the flag debate -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

MR. S. NEARY: - Oh, Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman is saying you bring in a piece of legislation and it is not to be debated, you just rubber stamp it and let it go through, especially a matter like a flag where 99 per cent of Newfoundlanders hate and despise it and will never fly it. And so we just have to forget that we do not debate it. It is the government, Mr. Speaker, that calls the order of business.

MR. G. WARREN: They rammed the rag down our throats.

MR. S. NEARY: And here we are today, the Opposition realizing the importance of this particular amendment so that the hon. gentleman can get on with the job - not the hon. gentleman but the Workers' Compensation Board, because, Mr. Speaker, let me also remind hon. members, which I should not have to do again, that the Workers' Compensation Board does not come under the Minister of Labour and Manpower (Mr. J. Dinn), the Workers' Compensation

MR. S. NEARY: Board does not come under the Minister of Fisheries, the Workers' Compensation Board does not come under the Cabinet, the Workers' Compensation Board is an agency of this House. The Workers' Compensation Board is established under an act of the Legislature of this Province, and the Minister of Labour and Manpower only reports to the House for the Workers' Compensation Board - he only does what he is told by the Workers' Compensation Board. The Workers' Compensation Board could tell the Minister of Manpower and Labour to go jump in the lake if they wanted to. Mr. Speaker, I did more to further the interests of the Workers' Compensation Board than the hon. gentleman could ever dream of, including piloting - or co-piloting; the pilot was the Premier of the day -

MR. F. STAGG: Who was the pilot?

MR. S. NEARY: - and I was the co-pilot - who saw to it that the fishermen of this Province were covered under the Workmen's Compensation Act. And what this bill is doing - and I hate to have to be repeating myself, Mr. Speaker, but that is the only way you can get the message through. I hope the word will go out that the fishermen have been covered for ten years. Mr. Speaker, find me one paragraph in this bill that covers fishermen under the Workers' Compensation Act. What it does, anybody who can read - what it does is give the board the authority to make regulations, to broaden the terms of reference of the Worker's Compensation Board.

As I said before, it was virtually impossible to collect the premiums even though, Mr. Speaker - let me point this out too, something that the hon. the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. J. Morgan) may not realize - that even though a crewman on a longliner was not paying his premium, he could still collect Workmen's Compensation.

MR. J. MORGAN: 1973.

MR. S. NEARY: Right on! He could still collect his Workmen's Compensation.

I remember a fisherman in Margaree who lost his arm practically right from the shoulder, and this is what brought it home forcibly to me. He lost his arm practically right up to the shoulder

MR. S. NEARY: and then suddenly he realized, and the skipper and the crew realized, that they were not paying Workmen's Compensation premiums. They knew they should have been paying them, but they were not paying them. But nevertheless, as I found out during my investigation, this crew member was still covered under the Workmen's Compensation Act. I lost track of it after, but I presume that he did get paid Workmen's Compensation for his injury.

So, Mr. Speaker, this is very good, as far as it goes. I do not know how long it is going to take to draw up the regulations, I hope it will not be too long. I hope the Workers' Compensation Board will proceed with all haste to get the regulations drafted and get them approved. We will never know. We will not get the regulations in this House. Hold on, now. I am not so sure of that either. I believe we will get the regulations in this House, because the Workers' Compensation Board does not answer to any minister or to the government, they answer to this House. I would say that this amendment came about not through the initiative of this government, but through the initiative of the Workers' Compensation Board. So I would think that eventually we will get the regulations in this House, because I believe the Workers' Compensation Board under the act of this Legislature are compelled to table amendments to regulations and new regulations in their annual report. I look forward to seeing the new regulations making it compulsory for buyers to deduct the premiums, to assess the fishermen when they sell their fish, which is a good way to do it. It is probably the only way you can do it, that the buyers will be the ones who will be responsible for deducting the Workers' Compensation premium and forwarding it to the Workers' Compensation Board. That will be a nice, tidy way to do it.

MR. L. THOMS: It was B.C., was it not (inaudible).

MR. S. NEARY: That is right. It is not original, it is lifted out of the B.C. legislation. But it is a nice, tidy way to do it. It could not have been done when the

MR. NEARY: fishermen were first covered under the Act, but it can be done now. So, Mr. Speaker, I am glad to see that this government is building on the foundation that was provided by the Liberal administration in this Province, by the Liberal party of this Province. They are building on the foundation, and that is all they have been doing for seven years. They have not come up with one original idea, not in seven years, in the last eight years, no new industries, no new reforms, a few bits and pieces of legislation dealing with the Status of Women to satisfy the old women's libber from Corner Brook, that will cause more trouble and more heartaches and more headaches than anything else we have ever seen in this House, and their great masterpiece, the Magna Carta, so the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Mr. Windsor) led us to believe, governing the municipalities in this Province, which is really forcing the property tax on the people of this Province. But, Mr. Speaker, not one new idea, not an original idea, not a new industry, nothing, not even this bill. They can only claim in this bill that they are building on the foundation that they inherited from the Liberal administration. That is all they can claim, and the hon. Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) cannot wait now to spring to his feet to try to claim a little credit, to try to upstage the Minister of Labour and Manpower (Mr. Dinn) when, in actual fact, he knows that this is merely expanding and building on the foundation that has already been provided. That is what it is.

You see the trouble in this House, Mr. Speaker, you have new members coming and going but we old guys who have been here for eighteen years, our memories are too good, and when they get up and try to fool us, when they get up with a little bit of political trickery and manoeuvring, it is a terrible thing. The biggest blow to their ego, then, is that some member who has been here for the last eight or ten years has too good a memory, too good a memory. The Minister of Labour and Manpower will not make his mark in history through this amendment. The hon. gentleman has to come up with something original. Now, it is good, I am not complaining about it -

AN HON. MEMBER:

(Inaudible).

MR. NEARY: - I am not complaining about it. The hon. gentleman may try to get the honour and glory, he may try to steal it away from poor old 'Joey' and his administration, but they will not be able to do it because I got a list the other night. I was provided with a list of 360-odd major accomplishments of the Smallwood administration, 360-odd major accomplishments, and right in the middle of them all - the 360-odd, would you believe it - was Workmen's Compensation for fishermen. Here they are now, and I hope my hon. friend will not go out tomorrow morning and say, "Fishermen now, at long last, are covered under the Workers' Compensation Act", because that would not be right. That would be misleading and false.

MR. MORGAN: They cannot hear you in the galleries.

MR. NEARY: No, I am speaking to the gallery. My hon. -

MR. MORGAN: Speak to the Chair.

MR. NEARY: - my hon. friend knows what I am saying is true.

In the major accomplishments of the Smallwood administration, which can be verified by just checking the public record, was the Workmen's Compensation Act and the covering of the inshore fishermen under that Act, two of the major accomplishments of the Smallwood administration. And so, Mr. Speaker, maybe before this day is over we can pass this amendment. It looks like a minor amendment but, in actual fact, it has great repercussions, because it will give the Workers' Compensation Board, now, the right to make regulations to compel and force the buyers to collect the premium and pay it over to the Workers' Compensation Board, and that is what the bill is all about. So, I hope nobody in this House, either outside or inside the House, is under any illusion that we are covering the fishermen for the first time in this Province.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. NEARY: No, that is right, and if I have to get up and repeat it over and over again - you know, Mr. Speaker, I said before in this House that if I did not have to look at the clock

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MR. NEARY:

and look at the calendar, I would swear
that I was back in the mid sixties. I would swear I was back in 1968
or 1969,

MR. NEARY:

because everything that has been going on in this House in the last several months reminds me - I have not heard anything new. I remember when the great debate took place on the inshore fishermen being covered under Workmen's Compensation, the great debate if hon. gentlemen want to go and check Hansard, hinged around the difficulties in collecting the premium. And so you would swear you were back in 1968 or 1969 again.

DR. COLLINS:

You should try collecting retail sales tax.

MR. NEARY:

Oh, I should try collecting retail sales tax. Well, we will deal with that on the Public Accounts Committee. We will deal with that in due course. If the hon. gentleman wants to ignore his buddies and his friends who run the bistros and the cabarets and the night clubs and the restaurants of this Province and go after the poor little fellow who runs a bull's-eye shop on the corner, if that is his priority then it is no wonder he cannot collect the sales tax. Most of the outstanding sales taxes in this Province are owed by the kind of people I just mentioned, the untouchables. So, Mr. Speaker, I am going to support the bill. I hope before the day is over we can pass it and the Workers' Compensation Board can get on with the job they were given ten years ago and that is to include the fishermen of this Province - well, they are included but to collect the premiums so that they can continue to give them coverage under the Workers' Compensation Act.

MR. SPEAKER (BAIRD):

The hon. Minister of Fisheries.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. MORGAN:

Mr. Speaker, I have to say that before I get involved in the important part of this debate and the changes to the Workers' Compensation legislation that the last speaker who sat down really has my admiration in the way he can take things and make them political and twist things around. He is becoming a bit of a master politician. I think he has an excellent chance of becoming the Leader of the Liberal Party. I really do. I say it sincerely. I

MR. MORGAN:

think he has an excellent chance. Depending on what support he gets from the caucus over there, depending on what certain members outside the caucus are going to do, I think he has an excellent chance of becoming the Liberal Leader and I think he will make a good leader in the House. Of course he will never be able to replace the man who is now stepping aside because I think that the dignity of this House has been improved substantially, the decorum of the House improved substantially under the present leader of the Liberal Party and I would say sincerely I hate to see him go but that is his own decision. He is leaving us and he is going to quit that position. But the last speaker had to stand on a non-partisan issue - and this is a non-partisan issue, I do not care who gets credit for this legislation, nobody cares who gets credit for the legislation. Surely the fishermen are not going to say, "Jim Morgan should get credit", he was only there for the last three or four months as Minister of Fisheries. But to have the gall to stand up in the House and try to get the ear of the media, to listen to the comments that this legislation is only to build on the legislation brought in by the Liberal Government, piloted by the then Premier of the Province, co-piloted by the member for LaPoile (Mr. Neary) in bringing in coverage with Workmen's Compensation for fishermen, Mr. Speaker, it is really laughable. Because if the fishermen were satisfied with the steps taken by the previous administration, previous, previous administration, why would they be coming into the members of the House of Assembly with petition after petition? Why would they bring into the Minister of Fisheries of the day a petition with 8,500 names, saying, "Mr. Minister, can you help us? Can you help us get some form of compensation to cover disability?" Why would they be doing that today if there was no problem with the legislation, the so called legislation brought in in 1968, brought in by the then Premier of the day, going to cover fishermen?

I would say, Mr. Speaker, and all due respect to the then Premier of the day, that if that is an example of the

MR. MORGAN:

way he ran government that it is a poor example because that legislation did not work and it could not work. It could not work then and it could not work now - what? - ten years after, eleven years after. It could not work then nor now. And the question is, why were the changes not made? Now, I have got, as my colleague, the Minister of Manpower (Mr. Dinn) said today as well, the union people, not Mr. Cashin as much as the union membership.

MR. MORGAN: The union membership and the different committee chairmen around the Province did put lots of work in this proposal to government. They put lots of work, Mr. Speaker, there was no pressure. In fact, I sat down for at least five different periods, different meetings, over a period of two months or three months with the fishermen's union. I sat down for the first time two weeks after becoming minister, and the main topic was, "Will you help us get Workers' Compensation coverage?", because now we have petitions circulated around the Province to get names of fishermen to put forward to government for changes to be made.

Mr. Speaker, who gets credit for it is not the issue. The most important thing is to have some form of disability benefit for fishermen who are finally, for the first time in the history of our Province, coming into their own. You know, it made me feel good a little while ago when I was down on the Northeast Coast. I was invited to go down to attend a fishermen's ball, a fishermen's ball in Musgrave Harbour, and I walked into that ball that night and there were all the ladies all dressed up and the men there were, naturally, all dressed up. When I pulled in that parking lot I noticed that most of the vehicles were brand new vehicles, all owned by fishermen, what a delicious spread there. They were proud to have a fishermen's ball. I will tell you in 1968 they were not proud to have a fishermen's ball, and back in the mid sixties they were not proud to have a fishermen's ball because the word then was, 'my son, if your father is a fishermen get out of the fishing boat, find something else, it is bad news, do not get involved with the fishery.' It was bad news. I guess it was not really the blame of any government, it was then the attitude. The whole attitude has changed, and fishermen deserve to have the benefits that we are talking about now in this legislation. But the member for Lapoile (Mr. Neary), despite his twisting of the issue, he is incorrect. He is incorrect, because the situation is that fishermen were not covered. You are not covered on an insurance premium or an insurance policy unless you pay the premium, and the way the legislation was, up until now and this change will overcome that problem,

MR. MORGAN: that if a fisherman paid individually his premiums, he would be covered, but the fishermen were not doing that. Can you imagine the chaotic situation you would have in trying to have every individual fishermen around the Province, who is fishing for a living, trying to make their payments on premiums to Workmen's Compensation Board? So that it could not work, it could not work, so the changes had to be made and the changes are made now. The regulations which will be put in place will enable the - as mentioned by my colleague, the Minister of Labour and Manpower (Mr. Dinn) - will enable the buyers of fish to be classified as the employers of the fishermen, and they will not only be collecting, as the member for Lapoile (Mr. Neary), who just sat down, said. They will be more than collecting, they will be paying. The fishermen will not be paying the premiums, so the member who last spoke did not understand the issue. He very seldom does. He stands in the House and he rants and roars for days. I sat and listened in the flag debate. I did not say too much on the flag, but I listened to the ranting and roaring and ranting and roaring over and over from members who say nothing, say nothing, and today he stood in the House not knowing what he was talking about, ranted and roared about what Mr. Smallwood did for the fishery, ranted and roared that this government does nothing for the fishery, we do nothing in the Province, we are a do nothing government, nothing is being done, there is no assistance to the fishermen in the harvesting, no assisting in processing, nothing to do with marketing, nothing like that. The fact is in 1966, I remember the budget for fisheries - was what? - \$3.5 million. The total budget for the fisheries of our Province was \$3.5 million. If you want to be partisan, that is where the priorities were back then in a then Liberal government, little or no priority for the fishery. But the situation is today that, as a result of the 200-mile limit - and again I have to give marks to the man I regret to see go from this House of Assembly. The man, he had a big effect on the whole negotiations. He was then the Minister of External Affairs, but he was pushed a little, he was prodded a little, he was pressured a little by members of Parliament from this Province who were then Tory members, all of them, except the man who is now Leader of the Opposition. He was pushed by them, pushed

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MR. MORGAN: by Newfoundlanders here, but he was involved and I give him credit for the involvement that he took part in, the involvement of arranging to have a final agreement on a 200-mile limit. Maybe he will go down in history as being the Minister of External Affairs of the day at the time who arranged to sign that agreement. As a result of that, we are now seeing a complete change of face of the fisheries in our Province,

MR. J. MORGAN: a change of face with regard to a better livelihood and a change of face with a better attitude, a different attitude. The whole attitude toward the fisheries is that it is one of importance not one of the past, one of poverty. It used to be in rural areas of the Province especially in the early sixties on the North-east Coast. And it is only right that the fishermen should have the benefits that fish plant workers have, that a factory worker has, that someone working with a company in construction has, it is only right. And all we are doing here is bringing in legislation, no matter who gets credit for it, not important at all, legislation which should have been brought in years ago, years ago! Unfortunately, the fishermen, many of them, have had some bad accidents and have not been covered because they were not paying their premiums. This legislation will make sure that all fishermen, all fishermen, will be covered for Workers' Compensation and, of course, the key factor being that the companies involved will be paying, not only collecting, not collecting because they are going to be paying, They will be paying. There is no collecting as mentioned by the hon. member for LaPoile (Mr. Neary), they are going to be paying the premiums on behalf of the fishermen.

MR. S. NEARY: And collecting from the fishermen.

MR. J. MORGAN: No, No. It will be - Mr. Speaker, it was in what was brought in in 1968 by the then Premier, forcing the fishermen to pay, forcing them to pay.

MR. S. NEARY: (inaudible) competition.

MR. SPEAKER: (Baird) Order, please.

MR. J. MORGAN: They were then being forced to pay the premium. And it could never work. The fishermen could not afford it in many cases, at that time, in 1967 and 1968.

MR. J. MORGAN: Things have improved substantially since then, thank God. So it could not work. It would have been chaotic to have individual fishermen making payments for their premiums for the benefit coverage. So, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to play a small role in this as Minister of Fisheries. Again, I give credit to the Fishermen's Union who got things organized, who made sure we understood what they wanted done on behalf of the fishermen, who sat down with my colleague and myself on at least four or five different occasions, the Fishermen's Union, the Business Agents' people of the Fishermen's Union, I did not hold one meeting with the president, by the way, on that matter, I never heard from him on that matter. I have to say it sincerely. The members of the Fishermen's Union did push the matter forward but not Mr. Cashin.

MR. D. HOLLETT: The first minister is on his feet.

MR. J. MORGAN: Well, Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman from down in the fishing district of the Burin Peninsula, if he has aims and objectives of becoming the leader of the party he is going to have to talk to Mr. Cashin, I would say. He will have to talk to Mr. Cashin because he has substantial support around the Province. That is the opinion. And any aspiring leader of the Liberal Party, any aspiring leader on the other side of the House should keep on the good side of Mr. Cashin, that is my view.

MR. S. NEARY: We asked Richard Cashin to run. He will not run. We are trying to get him to run.

MR. SPEAKER: (Baird) Order, please.

MR. S. NEARY: I guarantee you you would get some fright with Richard Cashin around here.

MR. J. MORGAN: Mr. Speaker, I would say that the Fishermen's Union, people like Bill Short I can think of, for example -

MR. C. BRETT: The same kind of fright that Don Jamieson gave you.

MR. J. MORGAN: - and members of the Executive Board, I have to give them - Mr. Speaker

MR. SPEAKER: (Baird) Order, please!

MR. C. BRETT: I will get the fright tomorrow Steve.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. J. MORGAN: Mr. Speaker, could I have the protection of the Chair.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! The member has the right to be heard in silence.

MR. J. MORGAN: Mr. Speaker, I think it only appropriate of me to give full marks to the members of the Fishermen's Union, the business agents in particular, for putting forward their problem on behalf of the fishermen to the Minister, in this case, of Labour, my colleague and myself and then, of course, bringing forward a petition from the fishermen. And now that the legislation, hopefully, will get passed, the legislation required, we can get the benefits to the fishermen in place as soon as possible. I do not know if, my colleague can comment later on when he closes the debate, whether or not we can get it done this year. The fishing season has started now in most places on the Northeast Coast and, of course, it is on-going on the Southwest Coast and the South Coast. But to get it in place for the Northeast Coast may be a bit difficult for this year. but at least we are going forward from here

MR. J. MORGAN: to get it in place as soon as possible. And I would say it is good news for all of the fishermen in the Province, and it is of second importance as to who takes credit, the previous administration for having some kind of a founding legislation as mentioned by the last speaker on the opposition, this administration for bringing in the changes now to make sure it works. Which minister gets the credit does not matter, whether it is union, whether it is the fishermen, the Fish Trades, it does not matter. Mr. Speaker, it does not matter at all. The fact is we are bringing in legislation to help the fishermen and to make sure they take their place in our society with regard to being protected from injuries in carrying out

MR. J. MORGAN: and prosecuting an industry which is so important to our Province. So, Mr. Speaker, I will close my comments by saying that I do not think today in our Province we should ever, ever and I mean that sincerely -some people may doubt my sincerity because I am a bit of a politically biased politician. I am known to be quite political and I have played that role in the past but I will say sincerely I think the fishery today is too important for any individual to play politics with.

SOME HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear !

MR. J. MORGAN: It it too important. There are too many problems and I said so recently down at the Marystown Fisheries Conference and the people who were there probably heard what I had to say in that regard. There are too many problems today. There are too problems to have the fishermen fighting the Fish Trades or the union fighting the companies. There are too many problems to have governments fighting governments. If you disagree you have to agree to disagree if you cannot resolve the problem. But you have to work together on problems you do agree exist, on problems that you agree on, all in this case, all concerned. When a problem is recognized and defined it is important that we all work together. When I say we, the government here, the opposition members. I have been working in close co-ordination with my counterpart, in this case the spokesman for fisheries in the opposition, I think he can say that, he can verify that. I have been working in consultation with the Fisherman's Union, nobody can deny that and I mean the Fisherman's Union, not necessarily the head of the union at all meetings but the Fisherman's Union. I have been working in consultation with the Fish Trades Association, regular meetings. The membership of that association represents all the companies processing in the Province, the major companies. I have held regular meetings with the Independent Processers Association, the independent groups around the Province. I sat down yesterday evening for about three hours in one of the hotels here with the Shipbuilders Association of Newfoundland and Labrador, all over the Province they came from. I sat down this afternoon

MR. J. MORGAN: for a further two hours before the House opened with the Labrador shrimp Company which consisted of approximately 500 fishermen who formed a company called The Labrador shrimp Company part of the Fishermen's Union, sitting down and thrashing out problems in Labrador and looking at possible solutions. And that is the only way I can see the problems being resolved in fishery, and the problem of getting a benefit for them a disability benefit for fishermen is only one part, one small part of the many problems that exist and are faced by fishermen, faced by companies doing processing, faced by companies doing marketing and faced by governments in managing the resource, managing the industry and dealing head-on with the problems that exist. And people sometimes say, I heard the comments made even in the flag debate, that the Minister of Fisheries is in confrontation with the minister in Ottawa, the Minister of Fisheries is in confrontation with his counterpart in Nova Scotia. We may be in confrontation, we may have disagreements on one issue, one issue but nobody ever mentions, nobody, including the media, mentions how many more other issues we agree upon. We have recognize and define the problem and we sit down together. Mr. LeBlanc, down in Marystown, said he recognized the problem of licencing of fisherman. He said, also he was going to work with the Newfoundland Minister, the Newfoundland Government to resolve the problems of licencing of fishermen in the harvesting sector. That was not carried by the media, if it was carried I never heard it, I never saw it. So there are many problems that we recognize exist and we are working together and I think it is important we work together. And this case here, it is, I think, an indication of government working with union. We do not always agree with the union's position as recently indicated by me on overside sales in Labrador. We do not always agree but at least we agree upon one thing and I want to keep it that way while I am Minister of Fisheries, we agree to work together. We may disagree at one meeting but will come back at the next one and thrash out

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MR. J. MORGAN:

other problems. It will never come to a point where I will not be sitting down and talking to the Federal Minister unless he says he will not talk to me and hopefully that day will not come. But I look forward to carrying on these consultation mechanisms, if you would call them that with all involved and that is the

MR. J. MORGAN: reason why today I am convinced that the union were so sincere in their efforts to get this compensation benefit for all fishermen, that the first meeting I held with them I recognized their sincerity. They came forward with stories about people who lost an arm, people who lost a leg, people who were crippled for life, people who lost certain fingers and their hands, etc., and got nothing for it. These are the kinds of stories I listened to, these are the kinds of stories my colleague listened to. I do not know why it was not done in the past, that is not important to me. The important thing, Mr. Speaker, is, this is a benefit and I think it is recognized by all members of the House who have fishermen out there in their own districts. For the fishermen out there it is a benefit which is of importance to them, and I think that it is good news for all the fishermen of the Province. They know now that while out there prosecuting the fisheries, if they get injured they do not have to come back to some kind of a programme of social welfare, they are going to have a benefit in place which will look after them in case of disability.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER (Baird):

The hon. the member for Grand Bank.

MR. L. THOMS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I guess, as I have said before, there is probably no member in this House whose district is as dependent on the fisheries as the district of Grand Bank. The district is 100 per cent either directly or indirectly dependent on the fisheries. I do not know if there is another district which has as many fish plants per capita as the district of Grand Bank - certainly not per community. There are thirteen communities in the district of Grand Bank; there are three fish plants and two feeder plants.

Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Fisheries

(Mr. J. Morgan) stood on his feet and accused my friend from LaPoile (Mr. S. Neary) of playing politics with the fisheries of this Province, twisting the issue, playing politics, etc. I doubt if there has been

MR. L. THOMS: a Minister of Fisheries in the history of this Province who plays more politics and is playing more politics with the fisheries of this Province than the present Minister of Fisheries (Mr. J. Morgan).

AN HON. MEMBER: Walter Carter tried it.

MR. L. THOMS: Walter Carter tried it, yes, and we know what happened to Mr. Carter.

Mr. Speaker, I attended the fisheries conference in Salt Pond, Burin. I doubt even the minister, himself, would deny that he played a bit of politics at that conference. He certainly said more about the fish and the fishing industry at that conference than he did in the flag debate.

MR. J. MORGAN: (Inaudible).

MR. L. THOMS: The minister says he did not have too much to say in the flag debate. As a matter of fact, apart from standing on his feet and voting for the flag, I do not think he said anything in the flag debate, not a word. But then, of course, like a lot of other hon. members, he was deathly afraid of having his comments go back to his district.

Mr. Speaker, my friend from LaPoile (Mr. S. Neary) is absolutely right. And I guess it would take a man with considerable experience in the House to be able to go back and to recognize immediately what is happening in connection with this amendment. I sincerely hope that after the next election that the Tories are going to have somebody on this side of the House who is going to be able to bring out salient points like my friend from LaPoile did. Because this is really simply an amendment. Now, there is no question about it, Mr. Speaker, it is a very important amendment; it gives the authority to the board to make regulations so that the premiums for

MR. L. THOMS:

workers' compensation can be collected and remitted and in that way it can cover all fishermen. But as I understand it, a fisherman prior to this could have remitted premiums and obtained workers' compensation on his own. So it is not a new piece of legislation. That is basically what my friend from LaPoile (Mr. S. Neary) was saying. It is not a new piece of legislation and I do not think it can be argued that it is. Mr. Speaker, it is certainly a pleasure though to be able to stand up and to support a piece of legislation, an amendment to an existing Liberal bill as important as this, after looking through all the important legislation that we have already passed and the important legislation which is to come such as, "An Act To Amend the Judgment Recovery Act, the Embalmers Act", etc., Change of Name Act. So, Mr. Speaker, this is an important piece of legislation. It is an important amendment in that it gives all fishermen the method, really, the methodology, albeit based on the BC method, so that premiums can be paid and they can, in fact, come and take advantage of the workers' compensation.

It is almost a situation where we could have brought in, you know, to correct the anomalies in the law because it was an anomaly, the fact that fishermen were covered under the Workers' Compensation Act and were not covered under the Workers' Compensation Act. And this particular piece of legislation corrects this inequity.

Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Fisheries says that there was no pressure. Of course there was pressure, there was pressure from the Fishermen's Union, there was pressure from the fishermen themselves, there was pressure from the Opposition in this House. My friend from St. Mary's - The Capes (Mr. D. Hancock) brought in a petition from a number of fishermen asking that this amendment be enacted but there is nothing wrong with pressure. The Minister of Fisheries sort of jumped back as if to say there was no pressure, as if there was something wrong with it. But there is nothing wrong with pressure that influences the government of this Province to bring in and to make right and proper decisions. And this is what happened, this

MR. L. THOMS: is basically what happened. I mean, in the United States, Mr. Speaker, and probably in Canada, there are paid lobbyists, fishermen would not have to worry about bringing in petitions with 8,000 signatures, I would not have to worry about answering a stack of postcards this high from constituents who have written to me asking me to bring whatever influence I had to bear on the government of this Province to bring in this amendment.

Without this pressure, Mr. Speaker, I doubt very much whether or not we would be debating this particular amendment this afternoon on Private Members' Day, no less. Benedict Arnold had to give up his resolution, Mr. Speaker, so that we could debate this particular bill.

MR. L. THOMS: And we were only too happy to present and to help facilitate the passage of this particular amendment

MR. THOMS:

even though the resolution of the member for Baie Verte-White Bay (Mr. Rideout) had to be postponed so that we could debate this particular amendment. We were only too happy to do it. It just goes to show how broad-minded the Opposition of this House is.

Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Fisheries, when he spoke in this debate, reminded all of us, which is something that I have been trying to do for a while now in this House, of one of the problems that I see. And maybe this legislation, this amendment, will help to ease some of the tensions that are in this Province today. The Minister of Fisheries referred to the conflict that we are having with the federal government. He could just as easily have referred to the confrontation that we are having with Quebec. He could have referred to the confrontation that we are having with Nova Scotia. And he could have referred to the confrontation with the South Coast fishermen in this Province and the soul-searching that he has put them through with this government's position on the Northern cod stock. We are getting a situation where Newfoundlander is being pitted against Newfoundlander, South Coast fishermen against Northeast Coast fishermen. And the whole direction that this administration is taking in the field of fisheries, I mean, it is strange, passing strange, Mr. Speaker, that the Minister of Fisheries of this Province is shying away from the Minister of Fisheries of Nova Scotia. He will talk to the Minister of Fisheries from Nova Scotia in his own good time. He will not talk about the Northern cod stocks though but he will talk to the Minister of Fisheries in Nova Scotia, one of his own ilk, the Tory Minister of Fisheries. And then we saw the same thing when the hon. Mr. McGrath was Minister of Fisheries, when the present Premier came out and said that Romeo LeBlanc was a much better Fisheries Minister than Mr. McGrath.

Mr. Speaker, these are things that concern me and if bringing in this amendment at this time, with the co-operation of members on this side of the House - and I believe as

MR. THOMS:

my friend from LaPoile (Mr. Neary), that even though this is only an amendment it is more important than any legislation that we have passed in this House since June 18th. We have a Matrimonial Properties Act passed, Municipalities Act passed, and, of course, one cannot forget that yesterday we passed second reading on the new flag. That was probably passed yesterday because the Premier was out of town. He had an excuse for not speaking on it. And, Mr. Speaker -

MR. CARTER:

What nonsense!

MR. THOMS:

Of course it is not nonsense.

The only nonsense in this House is usually uttered by the member for St. John's North (Mr. J. Carter). Mr. Speaker, undoubtedly, without a shadow of a doubt, this particular piece of legislation today is more important and more, to use the government's words, more historic than any legislation that we have passed so far. I can assure you, Mr. Speaker, that the fishermen in Lawn and St. Lawrence and Point au Gaul and Lamaline and Allan's Island and Garnish and Fortune and Grand Bank and Frenchmen's Cove are much more appreciative, no matter what had to be done to get it through this House, they are much more appreciative of this few pages constituting an amendment to the Workers' Compensation Board than that big fat Municipalities Act

MR. THOMS:

that we passed in this House in the last sitting or, Mr. Speaker, believe it or not, and the Minister of Education (Ms. Verge) and the Minister of Justice (Mr. Ottenheimer) can believe this or not, that the fishermen in these places that I have named will appreciate this particular amendment much more than they appreciate the Matrimonial Property Act which is only going to give them a lot of headaches and cost them a lot of money in legal fees.

So, Mr. Speaker, as I said at the beginning, I am supportive and I do not particularly care where the pressure came from or who gets the credit. I think the credit should go where the credit is due. I think the credit should go to the fishermen's union and to the fishermen themselves. I think we are only doing, in this debate this afternoon, the vote we will be taken this afternoon, what is right and proper, and I am happy and I am glad to see that we are finally getting it through and I, for one, and I am sure this whole Caucus, whole Opposition, will be supporting the bill.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: (Butt)

The hon. the Minister of Health.

MR. HOUSE:

Mr. Speaker, I want to say a few words about this. My district is not, like the member from Grand Bank (Mr. Thoms), my district is not basically a fishing district, but there are about 20 per cent of the people, I guess, in the district affected in one way or the other directly with the fishery and that has come about, of course, in the last five or six years. As a matter of fact, the Jackson's Arm, Pollards Point, Sop's Arm area of my district has only become a fishing area in the last few years. The other thing though I would want to say in this respect is the fact that for seven or eight or ten, something like ten years, I think, I was a fisherman, and it is very dangerous for me to talk about the fishery because that is going back some thirty years or so, thirty or forty years. It is like the teacher who taught forty years ago trying to compare that with education today. It is very difficult, and sometimes I can be very biased about

MR. HOUSE: the fishery, but I did see it grow from a long way back to the present time. So, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to just say a few words about this particular bill and about how I think the growth in the fishery has improved a lot, of course, of the lives of our Newfoundlanders.

I am not concerned about who takes the credit here. I was Minister of Labour last year for a little while, prior to my colleague, and we were then working on this, and it is not such a simple matter as the member from St. Mary's-The Capes (Mr. Hancock) to stand up one day and present a petition and say we want this and the next day we have it all through. This is something that has been going on, being talked about for a long time, and I would suggest to the people who want to take credit on the other side that if it were such a simple matter, as was suggested, it could have all been done at the same time when the offshore fishermen were put under the Workers' Compensation Act, if it were that simple, but it certainly was not. It took the ingenuity of this side to come up with a mechanism to, of course, bring it about.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I take some pride then in speaking to this bill and in support of it, and after I read through all the legalities, what it is doing, essentially, on these three or four pages, is giving the government or the department or the Workers' Compensation Board a mechanism whereby they can make regulations to bring all the fishermen under the Workers' Compensation Board. Now, there is another -

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. HOUSE: Is there? Well, I see.

There are a number of reasons why the inshore fishermen were not covered before. One was because nobody was giving them any credibility. They were told, perhaps, that there was not much of a future in the inshore. One fellow said to me-

MR. W. HOUSE: one of my constituents spoke to me about how fishermen were ignored and the other fellow said the inshore fishermen were not ignored - to ignore them meant that you recognized they were there. He said inshore fishermen were not even ignored, that is how far down they were. And, Mr. Speaker, that is, I think, one of the reasons why, of course, that they were not put under Workmen's Compensation a long time ago. There were some arguments, of course, about why this should not be done, you know, there was no supervision. But what we have said is that essentially, when a woodsman goes in the woods he is on his own, he is under his own supervision and he is under his own control, really. So now what we have done is made the buyer, the employer for purposes of paying the assessment and they will not be collecting from fishermen. Obviously, it is going to have to come out of the catch somewhere along the line, but they will not have to pay directly.

Now, Mr. Speaker, the other thing about this that I am proud of is the fact that this is just one of the measures that this government has brought into effect. I do not care who wants to take credit for it or not, it is just that this is a people government and all the acts that the member for Grand Bank (Mr. L. Thoms) talks about that are not important are very important. We have seventy or eighty pieces of legislation on the Order Paper.

MR. LUSH: (Inaudible) declare what is.

MR. W. HOUSE: No, obviously the matrimonial law is important for some people. Obviously some that I have on there for Health are important. But this is a very important one and, of course, I am going to support it. It is within the policy of this government to bring in people-oriented legislation -

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear,hear!

MR. W. HOUSE: - something that gives dignity to the worker. And of this government, I think, one thing can be said - the Environmental Assessment Act, for instance, is an example of people legislation. Our health programmes are people programmes.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible) the flag.

MR. W. HOUSE: Well, the flag may not but, of course, you know, this was done by a very democratic process.

MR. E. ROBERTS: (Inaudible) railroad.

MR. W. HOUSE: No, it is very democratic. It is what you people have been wanting all the time, a Select Committee, and that was the process.

Now, Mr. Speaker, as I said, I do not have much to add to this except to say that I am going to support it and to say that it is one of the - it is not just a simple amendment, it is an amendment that is going to have a great impact on the social lives of a lot of people in this Province. That is the important thing. I do not care who wants to take credit for it. This government is bringing it in, but, you know, if the Opposition want to take credit and say they were going to bring it in, well, that is alright - we know that they were going to do something if they ever got in power.

One other thing that I just want to mention is that I have a lot of cards - and I just want to point this out - from people who were not necessarily fishermen, and this was very heartening. These were people from the Deer Lake area- my district - Pasadena, who were not fishermen, some of them not even related to fishermen, who were asking us to do this. And I am going to be very delighted to write back to every one of these and say that, of course, this is done, fait accompli, we have done what is good for the people as we have been doing the last seven or eight years.

Mr. Speaker, needless to say, I support the amendment.

MR. SPEAKER (Butt): The hon. the member for St. Barbe.

MR. T. BENNETT: Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the amendment. I would like to make a few comments. I represent a district which, I guess you are all aware, is a great fishing district, the Port au Choix - St. Barbe area. And I would like to see this amendment

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MR. T. BENNETT: passed, so I shall most certainly
support it. I am not greatly concerned with who gets the credit.
I would like to think that I would be part of having helped to get it
through, legislation, and consequently, be given a wee bit of credit
for having helped it through the

MR. BENNETT:

House of Assembly. I would like to take credit for that type of legislation and I shall let the hon. gentlemen on the other side, the government, take the credit in my district, at least, for having the flag legislation going through. So I have my likes and dislikes too and this is a piece of legislation that I would like to be noted for, having helped it through the House of Assembly.

I would at this time, Mr. Speaker, I would hope that as in so many other areas of government, regulation and administration, that all of the monies that are collected through the Workers' Compensation do not get gobbled up and used up in the administration of the dollars that come in and the dollars that go out to those who need to get the benefits from the Workers' Compensation. From former speakers I have taken a few cues and having been a former employer myself I never had to apply to have coverage from Workers' Compensation, it was automatic. It had always been automatic in the field that I had worked in. It was done on the basis of the total wage structure of the business operation and you sent into the Workers' Compensation Board the total amount and they sent you back a bill for the amount of money that you owed them. I doubt very much - I do not think that in twenty years as an employer that I ever had a claim, I do not remember a claim going against the Workers' Compensation but I think probably for twenty years I did make contributions to it and I was always happy to do so. I think I was pretty well always happy to feel that my workers were covered. I would like to suggest that we not stop completely and entirely with the fishery at this time. There are other avenues of industry that I think we should also take a look at, as has been mentioned, like the woods industry and like some other hon. gentlemen mentioned, the trucking industry. But, of course, if you boil it down to a one man job it might become more difficult. If it is a one man operation it might become more difficult because I do understand the present policy is to cover businesses where there are three employees. It is a compulsory thing, I understand, where there is a three personnel, employee factor.

MR. BENNETT:

We are all aware that down through the years families have suffered from the lack of having proper compulsory coverage. A lot of our people, Mr. Speaker, they are not knowledgeable enough with what is available to them in the form of coverage. They hesitate, they are reluctant to go out and take out an insurance policy to protect their families and I feel this legislation should. once it is introduced, then the compensation coverage should most certainly be made compulsory and that in turn protects the families that are coming along to be supported by a man who may have a disaster and become incapacitated, not so readily able to support a family. I would certainly like to see the compensation cover a larger area and not just stop at the fishery. We have small woods industries that need to have similiar protection. And I would certainly like to see it expanded to them, most certainly made available and in some instances made compulsory.

If this Workers' Compensation has been available, as we are being told, to our fishermen since 1973, then I am wondering where the breakdown in communications exists so that people are not aware of it. It is only today a gentleman asked me if there was any Workers' Compensation for fishermen. People are not aware of it and I am surprised that for nearly ten years it has been available and has not been made known to the people in the work force. Some hon. gentlemen, especially the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan), made remarks about years gone

MR. T. BENNETT:

by when it was not very attractive to get into the fishery. That is quite true. Now today it is attractive. It is an attractive industry for our work force, for our fishermen to get into, the fishing. But it is more difficult today to get into the fishery than it was twenty years ago. We are not into the dory fishing any more like we were twenty years or even ten years ago. And as we go along with legislation that gives our fishermen protection on the oceans and in their boats, I hope we do not get swallowed up with looking for credits and overlook some of the areas that fishermen are more anxious to see action from, especially in areas like the Fisheries Loan Board. For fishermen to get into the fisheries today it is costing a lot of money, in many instances hundreds of thousands of dollars. So it is almost a select group now who find themselves getting into it. This in itself, of course, makes it more, I would think, of a compulsory nature that we should have legislation making contributions to the Workers' Compensation compulsory and consequently benefits derived therefrom would be in order and appreciated. Now, Mr. Speaker, I shall not comment much further. I would like to say that I want to support this amendment. And I appreciate remarks from the other hon. gentleman. And with that I will give somebody else the floor. Time is running out. Thank you very much.

MR. SPEAKER: (Simms) The hon. member for Torngat Mountains.

MR. G. WARREN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am going to be very brief probably about five or six minutes. I rise in support of this Bill, "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act." I believe I can go on record as saying that

MR. G. WARREN: I live in a district that has the highest percentage of fishermen than anywhere else in this Province. The district of Torngat Mountain has over ninety per cent - Over ninety per cent of the eligible workers in Torngat Mountains are fishermen. Mr. Speaker, the reason we do have the highest percentage of fishermen in Torngat Mountains is because this government has not found any other employment in this area.

MR. E. ROBERTS: Hear, hear!

MR. G. WARREN: So, Mr. Speaker, having come from and having been raised in a fisherman's family back in Trinity Bay, I can see that this Act, actually it is an amendment to an act that was brought in by a former administration, will go a long way to alleviate a problem that fishermen will be confronted with. Now, I am concerned. I think the Workers' Compensation Board, through the Department of Fisheries and through the Department of Manpower and Labour, will have a difficult problem to identify who is a fisherman. That is going to be your problem. Who will qualify under this Act.

MR. J. MORGAN: Anybody who (inaudible)

MR. G. WARREN: Yes, okay. It says here. A worker shall apply or may be applied to all or any fisherman working in or out of the Province. And it may be defined to include the master and crew of a fishing vessel and any other person who contributes in any manner to the catching or landing of fish for sale or commercial use." Now that is pretty broad. I am just wondering - a person who is working with a construction company and the squid strikes in in September month and he goes fishing, probably for three weeks squid jigging and he gets an injury. is he covered? It is a good question. So I was just

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MR. G. WARREN: thinking that this is going
to be a very very difficult act to follow unless it
can be defined who a true fisherman is. Now, my second
concern is, I understand that the Provincial Government
at the

MR. WARREN:

present time, and I understood at the present time, and this is probably for the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) so I think he should listen because it is very important, at the present time, the provincial government do not pay Workers' Compensation to employees.

AN HON. MEMBER:

(Inaudible).

MR. WARREN:

No. Now, in Northern Labrador in my

district -

MR. DINN:

To employers?

MR. WARREN:

To the employers, right.

In my district there are two fish plants operated by the provincial government. Both fish plants are operated by this provincial government and all fishermen who catch fish sell it to those two fish plants. Now, I am just wondering, are those fishermen, if anything does happen, are those fishermen covered under this Act?

MR. DINN:

Have they got a fish licence?

MR. WARREN:

Oh, yes.

MR. DINN:

Well, they are covered.

MR. WARREN:

But they are also paid by the provincial government and the provincial government does not pay Workers' Compensation. So, I am just wondering - this is a concern that has been expressed by the fishermen in my district - I am just wondering if they are going to be covered under this Act or not? And, Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Workers' Compensation Act but make sure that it does cover fishermen and not those moonlighters, and there are many, many of them around of this Province of ours, not moonlighters, but fishermen, bona fide fishermen.

Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: (Simms)

The hon. member for Bonavista North.

MR. STIRLING:

Mr. Speaker, thank you very much.

I, too, would like to welcome this enabling piece of legislation. It seems that the legislation has passed along to the Workers' Compensation Board the authority to set up regulations that, presumably, will deal with all these problems.

MR. STIRLING: I hope when we get to the Committee stage that the minister will be able to answer some of the questions as to what is going to be covered in the regulations. My colleague from Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren) brings up some very valid questions. For example: what are you going to base the payment on? A fisherman who just started fishing and sells his first load of fish to the fish plant to make the first collection and he becomes totally disabled, what is his payment going to be based on?

MR. DINN: 75 per cent.

MR. STIRLING: 75 per cent of what?

MR. DINN: \$16,000.

MR. STIRLING: You are going to deem that every fisherman is making \$16,000?

MR. DINN: No, he will be assessed on that basis.

MR. STIRLING: He is going to be assessed on what basis?
Because the fisherman does not have a set salary.

MR. MORGAN: (Inaudible) on the fish he sells.

MR. STIRLING: So, the fisherman sells one load of fish. As soon as he sells that load of fish, do you then take that and prorate it, assume he is going to sell the same amount of fish every day the rest of the year?

AN HON. MEMBER: Who cares.

MR. STIRLING: What do you mean 'Who cares'?

MR. DINN: In one year the people who have a fishing licence, if he gets injured or killed while he is fishing, he gets Compensation.

MR. STIRLING: Yes, for what amount? This is the question.

MR. DINN: 75 per cent -

MR. STIRLING: 75 per cent of what?

MR. DINN: - of \$16,000.

MR. STIRLING: You are going to deem that every fisherman, as soon as he sells a fish, is earning \$16,000?

MR. DINN: It depends on the income (inaudible).

The Compensation is \$16,000. It is 75 per cent (inaudible).

MR. STIRLING: So you are going to assume that every fisherman is insured as if he were earning \$16,000 a year.

MR. DINN: Sure, everybody is, you know.

MR. STIRLING: No, everybody is not.

MR. DINN: If you take out an insurance policy tomorrow and you happen to die the next day, you know, then -

MR. ROBERTS: That is different entirely from disability insurance.

MR. STIRLING: This is the point, Mr. Speaker. This is the point, Mr. Speaker. We are not talking about death insurance, we are talking about - essentially, the Workers' Compensation is based on disability, based on somebody being unable to work and based on an assessment of what percentage. There is no problem with the hon. member when he was back in private industry making \$16,000 a year. The first day he went to work, no problem, but what are you going to deem the fishermen to be working, because you have had to create - I do not know whether the minister has the answers yet and I am not trying to embarrass the minister because I spoke to him earlier and said we will discuss it later. But those are the kinds of questions that need to be answered. This regulation simply says - and by the way let us, all of the politicians on both sides, admit that what has happened here is that the fishermen's union decided what they wanted done and they went about it on a properly organized basis. They drew the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) in it to present the petition. They set up an elaborate

MR. STIRLING:

campaign to get the commitments from all sides of the House and it is to the Fishermen's Union, not to the politicians, to the Fishermen's Union must go the credit of the fishermen-of putting together something which the government could not turn down or could not refuse. It may become a very costly, almost impossible task for the former Labour Minister (Mr. Maynard) to administer but there are a lot of questions that need to be answered. A lot of the fishermen have to be sure that they are going to be treated fairly.

Mr. Speaker, there are a number of fishermen, in the last seven years since this has been in dispute, who would have had legitimate compensation claims. What is going to happen to those fishermen, fishermen who today are either totally incapacitated or partially incapacitated as a result of their fishing enterprise and because until today the government could not come to the conclusion that yes, we have to create a situation in which, for purposes of the Worker's Compensation Act, a fisherman is deemed to be an employee of the fish plant or the fish buyer? What is going to happen to those legitimate cases of fishermen who in the seven years have been totally disabled? Can we now take a look at the hardship of those cases, of those situations? Because we have now admitted with this legislation that there was no reason why this could not have been done seven or eight years ago. All the excuses, all the reasons the union was given, the reasons that we heard in the House, as a matter of fact, when this question was asked in the House by members on this side and presumably by members of the other side, always was that there was a problem. And the problem was that the fishermen really did not work for the buyers. Well as a result of the campaign of the Fishermen's Union the government has now recognized that where there is a will there is a way and the government is now willed to find a way around it. What they have really done is they have passed the buck to the Workers' Compensation commissioners because all of this is just regulations, regulations, regulations, the approval to set up regulations and there are no specifics.

MR. STIRLING: Obviously this is going to be a very difficult year for fishermen. I am sure that members on the other side, as members on this side, have received the concerns of the fishermen in the Fishermen's Union that a myth has been created in the last seven or eight years, a myth of false expectations, a myth that saw the Fisheries Loan Board, to use the words of the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan), go bankrupt. But it was a myth created by encouraging hundreds and hundreds of people into the fisheries. The Fishermen's Union and the fishermen are saying that government created a myth that there was not the role to expand.

DR. COLLINS: Are you quoting a letter now?

MR. STIRLING: No, I am not quoting a letter.

And the Fishermen's Union have not been specific in saying it was one side or the other. They are saying politicians generally have played games with the fishermen and they have created the impression that all the problems of this Province were going to be cured by the fishery and they have now come out and said that you have created a myth. Mr. Speaker, this is a very important piece of legislation. We are going to be facing some very grave problems in the fisheries in the next few years. There is no question that one of the first protections has to be the question of protecting them under the Workers' Compensation Act as it is now called. But there are some questions that still have not been answered. How are you going to make sure that a fisherman is treated fairly? Who is going to say what proof he is going to have to give that an injury was caused as a result of the fishery? It is much easier in a mine or in an industry or in a telephone company. How are we going to make sure that the fishermen are treated properly? I would hope when we go through third reading that the minister will be in a position to table the regulations and to explain to us, not that he has to do it today but because we all want to get this bill through because it is important, but there are a lot of unanswered questions

MR. L. STIRLING: and there are a lot of people who may still not be covered. So I hope that the minister and the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. J. Morgan) will put in the extra effort to make sure that we are really doing something worthwhile for fishermen and not just again creating a false expectation, a false myth. The press reports today will indicate that the Minister of Labour and Manpower (Mr. J. Dinn) said that fishermen are going to be covered for 75 per cent of \$16,000 a year and the Minister of Health (Mr. W. House) confirmed it. I hope that before that information gets out that this myth is not just another false expectation created for the fishermen of our Province.

Mr. Speaker, in case there are others who wish to speak in this debate, I will conclude my remarks by again saying that on behalf of the fishermen of Bonavista North, I am happy to support this step - and it is only a step - in making sure that the fishermen are given fair and honest treatment under this act.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The hon. the Minister of Labour and Manpower. If the hon. minister speaks now he will close the debate.

MR. J. DINN: Mr. Speaker, there were not a lot of questions raised in the speeches by hon. members opposite. There are some points that should be made in moving second reading, and that is with respect to - for example, the hon. the member for LaPoile (Mr. S. Neary) indicated that all fishermen were covered by Workmen's Compensation prior to this. Of course, that is not true. Fishermen were covered who were on boats fishing with three or more - they had coverage under Workers' Compensation. There was a difficulty in collecting the assessment, but they were covered. With respect to the individual fisherman, of course, he got coverage if he applied for and paid the assessment, so it is not true to say that they were covered. In actual fact, what we had covered in the Province were basically the trawler workers and the fish plant operators and a very few others.

MR. E. ROBERTS: Can the minister tell us, out of the total work force of say 200,000 which is roughly the work force in the

MR. E. ROBERTS: Province, how many were covered by Workers' Compensation before this amendment?

MR. J. DINN: Fishermen -

MR. E. ROBERTS: No.

MR. J. DINN: - or total?

MR. E. ROBERTS: Total.

MR. J. DINN: I would not have that figure right off the top of my head but I will endeavour to get it for the hon. gentleman before -

MR. ROBERTS: (Inaudible).

MR. J. DINN: Well, right now, as I understand it, there are something like 8,000 or 9,000 people covered and I do not know if they are fishermen or fishermen and plant workers and so on under Workers' Compensation.

MR. E. ROBERTS: (Inaudible) there are -

MR. J. DINN: Yes.

MR. E. ROBERTS: - about 1,600 trawlermen in the Province.

MR. J. DINN: Yes. Okay, so there are about 9,000, I believe, so this would mean in just fish licences alone - and if we are talking about plant workers also we would have to subtract that from the 9,000 to find out how many fishermen - but in fishermen alone who received licences last year, I think the federal figures are something like 32,000 or 33,000.

MR. E. ROBERTS: 32,000. Yes, that would not include plant workers, they are not licenced.

MR. J. DINN: Yes, so what we would have to do is subtract those who are covered now, the trawlermen and the few longlinermen.

MR. E. ROBERTS: A couple of thousand at most, a few longlinermen.

MR. J. DINN: So the rest of the fishermen then will be covered when this bill is passed in the House and the act is proclaimed.

MR. E. ROBERTS: Any actuarial or financial studies as to what kind of levies that are going to have to be made?

MR. J. DINN: No, what we are doing with respect to assessment, the only thing we have to compare is basically the B.C. situation, and the B.C. situation is such that the assessment that we will be levying on the companies - I think the latest figures indicate that it will cost the companies another one-quarter cent per pound of fish. So it is a substantial amount of money.

MR. E. ROBERTS: And if fish is, say, 20 cents per pound, that is 1.25 per cent - that is a high assessment.

MR. J. DINN: Yes, it is. And the reason for that is that if we are the same as British Columbia, that is what we will need.

MR. E. ROBERTS: But it will be more - we will be more.

MR. J. DINN: That is what we think. But we are starting out right now at that level.

MR. ROBERTS: Are the fishermen going to be assessed, the inshore fishermen, as a class or will they be part of a larger class?

MR. DINN: They will be a part of - the difficulty there is, of course - what we have done is given the Workers' Compensation Board and the draftsmen -

MR. ROBERTS: Draftspeople.

MR. DINN: - of the regulations - draftspersons of the regulations, basically, what we want in the regulations. Now, what they come back with and, hopefully -

MR. ROBERTS: No, but the decision as to the assessment and it is surely a matter for the Board to take.

MR. DINN: Yes -

MR. ROBERTS: I mean, I just wondered what course -

MR. DINN: - and that, of course, can be varied from year to year -

MR. ROBERTS: Oh, sure.

MR. DINN: - depending on what the requirement is for the compensation.

MR. ROBERTS: Will all fishermen in the Province be assessed as a class or will there be an inshore class and an offshore class?

MR. DINN: Well, I think the -

MR. ROBERTS: In other words, how broad is the risk to be spread, to put it in insurance terms?

MR. DINN: Yes, well, that is, I guess, to be determined. I have not -

MR. ROBERTS: It has not been determined?

MR. DINN: I do not think it has to this point in time. The quarter of a cent a pound on the companies is what the cost will be over and above what is now, so what we are talking about is to cover the twenty-five odd thousand that are not covered now.

MR. ROBERTS: But let us not kid ourselves, fishermen will pay for it even if the companies are the -

MR. DINN: Whoever, but the fact of the matter is that, you know -

MR. ROBERTS: Cape St. Mary's has to pay for all. A pound of fish is only worth so much.

MR. DINN: Absolutely, there is no question about that, and I think everybody here in this House - there is nobody attempting to fool anybody. The fact of the matter is that the quarter of a cent a pound is on the pound of fish and whether the fisherman pays it out of his pocket or the companies pay it, it is still that same pound of fish. I do not think anybody is fooling anyone else, because the fact of the matter is it is more administratively sound or easy to collect the assessment so that we can compensate the fishermen and, therefore, the way we are doing it makes it capable for the Workers' Compensation Board to provide the compensation required so that all fishermen who have a licence are covered, so that the families are protected and so on, or have an amount of protection that we can possibly give them. For the benefit of the hon. member for Bonavista North (Mr. Stirling), the maximum assessable and compensable - and we have not worked out the detail yet and we will, as I indicated to him earlier, in the regulations - the maximum assessable and compensable earnings are \$16,000, which means that three-quarters of that, or 75 per cent, is what you can receive in maximum compensation. That is based on total disability.

MR. STIRLING: (Inaudible) the first day, he has not sold any fish. What are you going to deem him to have earned?

MR. DINN: The fact of the matter is - I mean, this, you know -

MR. ROBERTS: The fact of the matter is the minister does not know and he might as well admit it and we will go into it again at Committee. I mean, we do not expect the minister to know, but we do expect him to tell us that.

MR. STIRLING: Well, I gave him that option but he insisted he does.

MR. DINN: The fact of the matter is that the (inaudible) that one can get with a fishing licence - I do not know how you can determine that the guy would not have earned \$16,000. You know, I will get as much information as I can by the time it comes to Committee and third reading, and, Mr. Speaker, I move second reading.

On motion, a bill, "An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act", read a second time, ordered referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow by leave. (Bill No. 46)

MR. SPEAKER: (Simms) The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, before moving the adjournment, I would like to confirm the House that tomorrow we will be considering first off - I guess we will go into Committee on the bills that are before the House and then we will go on to the Resources Concurrence Debate.

MR. SPEAKER: Does the hon. President of the Council wish to make a motion -

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House at its rising do adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, at 3:00 p.m.

On motion, the House at its rising adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, at 3:00 o'clock.

I N D E X

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

TABLED

MAY 21, 1980

Mr. Neary (LaPoile) - to ask the Honourable the Minister of Rural, Agricultural and Northern Development to lay upon the Table of the House the following information:

A statement showing the total cost of maintaining livestock inspectors at North Sydney:

- (a) heat, lights, office space, etc.
- (b) number of staff and salaries, etc.
- (c) number of Newfoundlanders employed in this service at North Sydney.
- (d) number of non-Newfoundlanders employed by the Department at North Sydney.

ANSWER.

- (a) office facilities are rented on an annual basis from C.N. Cost is established in advance and a leasing agreement signed. Total cost is Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) per year.
- (b) two permanent employees are stationed in North Sydney to provide inspection service. Salary cost is approximately Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000) per year.
- (c) two temporary/seasonal employees are employed yearly, for a period of six-seven (6-7) months. Salary cost is approximately Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) per year.
- (d) one of the permanent employees is a Newfoundlander; the other is from Nova Scotia.

The temporary employees have, in the past been from both Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. Very often these summer employees are University students. In some cases Newfoundlanders have been offered employment but, because of the added cost of board and lodging in North Sydney, have chosen not to accept.

FISCAL YEAR UPDATE

R.D.A. LOANS PROGRAM

1979-'80

The Rural Development Authority Loans Board considered 384 applications for funding during 1979-'80. Of this total, the Board approved 233 applications, rejected 136 and deferred 15.

The 233 approvals represented a dollar value of \$2,251,454 creating an estimated 209 full-time and 351 part-time jobs. An additional 233 full-time and 416 part-time jobs were maintained as a result of this funding. In total, the program assisted in the creation and maintenance of 1,209 jobs during the fiscal year.

A further breakdown of the 233 approvals shows that 180 were regular R.D.A. loan approvals while 53 applicants were approved under the Board's Special Sawmill Assistance Program.

TYPE OF APPROVAL	NO.	AMOUNT APPROVED (\$)	JOB CREATION		JOBS MAINTAINED	
			Full	Part	Full	Part
Regular Approvals	180	1,533,954	209	351	233	416
Special Sawmill Assist.	53	717,500
TOTAL	233	2,251,454	209	351	233	416

.. Not Applicable.

Of the 180 regular approvals, 122 applicants were approved for the first time amounting to \$1,174,573, while 58 already existing clients were approved for \$359,380 in additional funding.

TYPE OF APPROVAL	NO.	AMOUNT APPROVED(\$)	JOBS CREATED		JOBS MAINTAINED	
			Full	Part	Full	Part
New Approvals	122	1,174,573	165	231	61	215
Additional Funding	58	359,380	44	120	172	201
TOTAL	180	1,533,953	209	351	233	416

The average value of regular approvals during 1979-'80 was \$8,522. Fish processing represented the highest average loan at \$14,101 while loans approved to handcraft industries averaged lowest at \$2,454. The average Special Sawmill Assistance Loan was \$13,538.

<u>Industry Classification</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Amount Approved (\$)</u>	<u>Average Loan (\$)</u>
Boat Building	10	80,645	8,065
Fish Processing	13	183,309	14,101
Food Processing	6	29,545	4,924
Handcrafts	7	17,181	2,454
Metal Production Mfg.	7	58,479	8,354
Sawmilling	66	446,623	6,767
Woodworking	8	35,867	4,483
Other Manufacturing	16	173,770	10,860
Pulpwood Harvesting	11	136,175	12,379
Agriculture	13	123,323	9,486
Tourist Based	13	134,932	10,379
Elect. & Mech. Servicing	3	35,000	11,667
Construction & Tertiary	6	74,275	12,379
Mining	1	4,830	4,830
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TOTAL	180	1,533,954	8,522
Special Sawmill Assistance	53	717,500	13,538
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GRAND TOTAL	233	2,251,454	9,663
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The average number of jobs created per loan during the year was 1.2 full-time and 2.0 part-time jobs. The approval rate was 63.5%.

Regular approvals dropped from 242 during 1978/79 to 180 in 1979/80, a 25.6% decrease. New approvals showed the greatest decline, dropping 33.0% while additional funding approvals dropped by 3.3% over the previous fiscal year.

TYPE OF APPROVAL	Number		% Change
	1979/80	1978/79	
New Approvals	122	182	-33.0
Additional Funding	58	60	-3.3
TOTAL	180	242	-25.6

Although the number of additional approvals dropped slightly during 1979/80, it has increased by 7.4% in terms of its percentage of total approvals over 1978/79.

TYPE OF APPROVAL	Number	%	Number	%
	1979/80	Dist.	1978/79	Dist.
New Approvals	122	67.8	182	75.2
Additional Funding	58	32.2	60	24.8
TOTAL	180	100.0	242	100.0

This indicates that the percentage of new applicants taking advantage of the program during the past fiscal year has tapered off somewhat while the number of already existing clients reapplying and being approved for additional funding has increased.

NUMBER OF APPROVALS, AMOUNT APPROVED, JOBS CREATED
AND JOBS MAINTAINED BY INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION
FISCAL YEAR 1979/80

INDUSTRY	NO.	AMOUNT APPROVED (\$)	JOBS CREATED		JOBS MAINTAINED	
			Full	Part	Full	Part
Boat Building	10	80,645	21	29	4	1
Fish Processing	13	183,309	8	107	6	314
Food Processing	6	29,545	9	1	12	4
Handcrafts	7	17,181	9	10	4	2
Metal Production Mfg.	7	58,479	17	1	40	10
Sawmilling	66	446,623	41	100	102	57
Woodworking	8	35,867	19	5	2	1
Other Manufacturing	16	173,770	36	13	31	2
Pulpwood Harvesting	11	136,175	28	55	5	-
Agriculture	13	123,323	7	8	12	2
Tourist Based	13	134,932	5	11	8	13
Elect. & Mech. Servicing	3	35,000	3	1	6	2
Construction & Tertiary	6	74,275	6	8	1	8
Mining	1	4,830	-	2	-	-
TOTAL	180	1,533,954	209	351	233	416
Special Sawmill Assist.	53	717,500
GRAND TOTAL	233	2,251,454	209	351	233	416

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NEWFOUNDLAND FARM DEVELOPMENT LOAN BOARD
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COMMUNITY	NUMBER OF LOANS	PURPOSE				TOTAL
		FARM EQUIPMENT PURCHASED (\$)	BUILDING CONSTRUCTION (\$)	LAND PURCHASED (\$)	LIVESTOCK PURCHASED (\$)	
Badger	1	\$ 9500				\$ 9500
Bay Bulls	1	6000				6000
Bauline	1		\$ 5000			5000
Bellevue	1		30000			30000
Birchy Bay	2	900	2000			2900
Burgeo	1		24000			24000
Cartyville	1	2475				2475
Clareville	1	5000				5000
Codroy	2	4300		\$ 10000		14300
Comfort Cove	1		4000			4000
Cormack	9	45110	35000		\$ 10000	90110
Dildo	2		60000			60000
Doyles	1	7000				7000
East Port	1		15033			15033
Flat Bay	1	10000				10000
Gambo	1	4000				4000
Gillams	2		13000			13000
Glovertown	1			13500		13500
Goulds	1				1823	1823
Grand Falls	1		4000			4000
Great Codroy	1	4000				4000
Green Bay	1		4000			4000

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Hare Bay	1	\$ 10000				\$ 10000
Hawkes Bay	1		\$ 1000			1000
Hearts Content	1	10000				10000
Howley	1		20000			20000
Jean de Baie	1		30000			30000
Jeffreys	2	19800				19800
Kilbride	1		14766			14766
Lethbridge	2	9500				9500
Lewisport	1		30000			30000
Logy Bay	1		30000			30000
Markland	2	6000	6200			12200
McKays	1	10000				10000
Meadows	1				\$ 10000	10000
Mount Carmel	1		4000			4000
Musgravetown	2		40000			40000
New Harbour	1		30000			30000
Pasadena	1		30000			30000
Placentia	1	6225				6225
Portugal Cove	4	4000	8000		17378	29378
Port Blanford	1	7280				7280
Pynns Brook	2		60000			60000
Reidville	1	6000				6000

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Robinsons	5	\$ 35000				\$ 35000
Searston	1		\$ 1000			1000
Shearstown	2	14000	6000			20000
Springdale	1	10000				10000
Stephenville	1		30000			30000
St. Davids	9	23200	50000	\$ 4000	\$ 1500	78700
Summerside	1		30000			30000
Terra Nova	1	10000				10000
Trinity East	1	1000				1000
Upper Island Cove	1		30000			30000
Upper Gullies	1	1000				1000
Western Bay	1	10000				10000
Whitbourne	1	7500				7500
Wooddale	2	8000	56000			64000
Total		\$306790	\$702999	\$27500	\$40701	\$1077990

FISHERIES LOAN BOARD

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Minister of Fish.
21 May*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Item</u>
Eugene Carroll	Conche	Engine, sounder and hauler.
Michael Kinsella	Fermeuse	Engine.
Scott Williams	Arnold's Cove	Hauler.
Harry Meade	Grand Bank	Radar
Joseph Tatchell	Castor River South	M/V "CI 846"
Earl Wells	Sandyville	Engine.
Maurice White.	Jerseyside.	Engine.
Thomas Power	Flatrock	Engine.
Aloysius Murphy	Mount Arlington Heights	Engine and hauler.
Ephriam Laing	Carbonear South	Engine
Donald James Sullivan	Calvert	Engine, sounder and hauler.
Harry Strong	Old Perlican	Winch and blocks.
Roger House	Jackson's Arm.	Used vessel.
Hector and Clarence Lambert	Portland and Hillview	New 45 foot vessel.
Eric Norman	Baie Verte	New 50 foot vessel.
Gerald Dalton	St. Bride's	Railing which is required by CSI and was not included in the contract.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Item</u>
Harry Lloyd Strong	Old Perlican	M/V "DESMOND & BOYD"
Scott Hancock	Joe Batt's Arm	M/V "ESTHER MARIE"
Patrick John Lewis	Conception Harbour	Used 34 foot boat
Walter Gordon Cramm x	Old Perlican	M/V "LISA MARGO"
John Nippard	Embree	Engine, radar & sounder
Martin Aspell	Admiral's Cove	Engine.
Edward Aspell	Admiral's Cove	Engine
Gordon Murphy	Engine	Ship Harbour.
Stanley G. Lewis	Colliers	Engine.
Winston Clarke	Port Hope Simpson	Engine.
Otto Tarrant	Lawn	Engine.
Norman Janes	New Bonaventure	Engine.
Ingham Lawrence Soper	Hillier	Engine.
Wayne Stoodley	Harbour Breton	Engine.
Michael Hawkins	Cape Broyle	Engine.
Ambrose Carroll	Main Brook	Engine, gurdy, R.T. set and sounder
Robert Badcock	Bay Roberts	Engine and equipment
Cyril Cutler	Herring Neck	Engine and accessories.
Wilbert Curtis	La Scie	Engine.
Rex and Frank Clarke	Chance Cove	Take over loan and buy new gurdy.
Lloyd Young	Quirpon	Gurdy.
Christopher Woodman	Dunville	Engine, gurdy and compass.
Boyd Burton	Greenspond	Gurdy.
William Giles	Harbour Round	Equipment.
Wayne Burden, Abraham Hunter & Stahn Durdle	Salvage	Engine.

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Michael Leonard	Placentia	Take over brother's loan and purchase new engine.
Arthur Rumbolt	Mary's Harbour	Engine.
Heber Brown	Herring Neck	Engine.
Joish Ward Jr.	Port Hope Simpson	Engine
Charles Smith	Parker's Cove	Engine.
Harold Foote	Nipper's Harbour	Engine.
Oliver Saunders	Cobb's Arm	Winch and sounder
George Mullins	Harbour Breton	Sounder
Howard Randell	Bonavista	Engine
Clarence Leroy Hollett	Burin	Engine.
Paul Kippenhuck	Charlottetown	Engine.
William Boyde	Embree	Engine.
Eugene & Roosevelt Smith	Chance Cove	Engine.
Albert Rowe	Chance Cove	Engine and gurdy.
Allan James Seward	Gooseberry Cove	Gurdy, sounder and stove
David Gray	Lumsden	Life raft.
Thomas Corcoran	Riverhead, St. Mary's Bay	Engine.
Donald Spurrell & Stanley Avery	Hillview	Gurdy.
Andrew O'Brien	Cape Broyle	Engine, gurdy and sounder.
Robert Sesk	Ferryland	Engine.
Douglas Carew	Cape Broyle	Engine
Maxwell White	Change Islands	Gurdy and sounder
Hiram and Alphonsus Tulk	Aspen Cove	Auto pilot, automatic baiter and sonar.
John, Earl and Llewellyn Way	Savage Cove	Construct 55 foot longliner.
William Hughes	Green Island Brook	Construct new 45 foot longliner.
Bert Andrews	Englee	Construct new 45 foot longliner.
Clifford Doyle	New Ferrolle	Construct new 45 foot longliner.
Edward & Patrick McDonald	Hunt Carmel	Construct new 45 ft. longliner.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Item</u>
Allan Starkes	La Scie	Construction of 52 foot wooden fishing vessel.
Andrew Rideout	Terrenceville	52 H.P. Volvo diesel engine.
Winston Ropson	Harbour Deep	M/V "MELINDA JOYCE II"
Hughie Yetman	St. Mary's	New 35 foot wooden fishing vessel and engine
William Russell	Coley's Point	To take over existing construction account from Donald Snow of Freshwater, Carbonear.
Ernest and Ambrose Pittman	Springdale	M/V "ATLANTIC LADY"
Jerome Traverse	Southern Harbour	Engine
Cyril Button and brothers	Hare Bay	Construction 38 foot wooden fishing vessel.
George Drake	Channel, Port aux Basques	New 35 foot vessel.
Norman Noseworthy Cassel	Harbour Deep	M/V "CHRISTOPHER SUZANNE"
Harold Bath	La Scie	M/V "NORA CHARLENE"
Walter Keel & Thomas Tremblett	Bonavista	M/V "JOAN YVONNE"
John Marsh	Green's Harbour	To take over account of Wallace Coles of Aspen Cove.

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Eric Burt	Carmanville	Engine
Carl Hillier	Newtown	Gurdy.
Raymond Tilley	La Scie	Engine.
Paul Kippenhuck	Charlottetown	Increase in loan to purchase engine.
Harvey & Winston Welsh	Whiteway	Engine and sounder.
Winston Wheeler	Summerford	M/V "DARLENE & WAYNE"
Maxwell Decker	Cook's Harbour	Engine and accessories.
Henry Hiscock	Heart's Content	Sonar
Patrick Shelley	Fleur de Lys	Engine and sounder.
Roy Sparkes	Sibley's Cove	Engine and sounder.
Darius Burton	Greenspond	Radar.
Sean Power	Tors Cove	Gurdy
Francis Spurvey	Fox Harbour	Equipment.
George Johnson & Chesley Turner	Happy Adventure	Engine and equipment.
Donald J. Deagen	Bay Bulls	Engine.
Cecil C. Byrne	Conche	Engine & Gurdy.
Allan Chippett	Leading Ticks	Two engines.
Robert A. Thorne	New Harbour	Gurdy.
Ralph Carroll	Conche	Engine and equipment.
Clyde Oram	Glovertown	Engine
Oliver L. Fillier	Englee	Depth sounder, clearview & two way radio
Samuel Lambert	Southport	Radar
Kevin Fitzgerald	Gooseberry Cove	Gurdy
Hartley Hayman	Ramea	New boat and engine.
Frank Fleming	Harbour Main	Constructing and outfitting a 35 foot longliner

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George Bennett	Ramea	32 foot boat and radar
Wilbert Blake	Miles Cove	33 foot boat
Joseph Coffey	St. Brides	Increase in loan to construct a 35 foot longliner
Boyd Burton	Greenspond	31 foot trap boat
Michael A. Joyce	Benoit's Cove	Increase in loan to cover cost of engine and equipment.
Thomas Hull	Baie Verte	Increase in loan to purchase 41 foot John Leckie fibreglass boat.
Maurice Delaney	Cox's Cove	Increase in loan to purchase engine and equipment
Gary Smith	Gooseberry Cove	Increase in loan to purchase boat & equipment.
Isaac Drodge	Little Heart's Ease	M/V "KIMBERLEY DARLENE"
Robert F. Cleary	South East Placentia	38 foot longliner
Bruce Pitts	Canning's Cove	M/V "ALMA ELIZABETH"
Patrick M. Brewer	Harbour Grace	M/V "UNATODD"
Richard Price	English Harbour West	33 foot boat.
Gordon Pilgrim	Griquet	Increase in loan to purchase 20 foot fiberglass boat.
Gerald J. Comerford	Riverhead, St. Mary's Bay	Increase in loan to build 36 foot longliner.
Raymond A. Butt & Derrick Butt		Increase in loan to purchase engine.
Hayward Slade	Lushes Bight	M/V "OCEAN SPRAY"
Barry Hampton	Portland	M/V "KIMBERLEY DARLENE"
William Blanchard	Farson's Pond	40 foot longliner
Bon Pelley	Springdale	M/V "LUCKY BRIDE"
Henry Mahie	South Pillar	M/V "ONA I"

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James Herritt	Burnt Islands	M/V "MAE HEATHER"
John R. Coley	Isle aux Mortes	M/V "LOTS A LUCK"
Dyson Sacrey	Ming's Bight	Longliner
Jesse Moulard Sr.	Musgrave Harbour	engine
Raymond Wells	Tilt Cove	Radar
Howard Wells & Walter Gibbin	Port Saunders	Construct new 55 foot longliner
Junior & Ted Hefford	New Perlican	Increase in loan to pur- chase engine and equip- ment.
Charles Chaisson Jr.	Fox Island River	28 foot boat.
Harvey Enwood	Burnt Islands	M/V "NOVA PRINCE"
Roy Saunders	Cook's Harbour	M/V "CAPE ONION"

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Item</u>
Jack Melindy	Lumsden	Construct new 45 foot steel - fishing boat.
Raymond, Harold, Calvin & John Waterman	Durrell, Twillingate	Construct new 55 foot longliner.
Patrick Hearn	Mall Bay	Construct new 45 foot longliner.
Wade, Perry & Glen Burton	La Scie	Dragging equipment.
Allan Starkes	La Scie	Dragging equipment.
Isaac Penney	Keel's	Engine.
Thomas Woodrow	Bay de Verde	Engine.
Ralph Tookoshina	Happy Valley, Labrador	M/V "GWENDOLYN BLANCHE"
Walter Legge	Durrell	Engine.
Hayward Slade	Lushes Bight	Roller and sounder.
Joshua Smith	Hickman's Harbour	Engine.
Eugene Lake	Rushoon	Engine.
Leonard H. Piercey	Norman's Cove	Engine.
Ignatius Matthews	Brent's Cove	Engine.

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Roy Stone	Bryant's Cove	Used 35 foot boat. —
Wilfred White	Sandy Cove	M/V "LITTLE CAPE" —
Leo Duke	Fox Harbour	Engine.
Michael Myrick	Trepassey	Engine.
Randell Turpin	Little St. Lawrence	Engine.
Henry Churchill	Little St. Lawrence	Engine.
David & Wesley Pretty	Dildo	Engine
Percy Noseworthy	Leading Ticks	Engine.
Donald C. Sheppard	Spaniard's Bay	Engine.
Maxwell and Oakley Johnson	North Harbour	Engine.
William Russell	Coley's Point	Radar and finder.
Glen Hollett	Burin	Engine and equipment.
David T. Everson	Flatrock	Engine.
Frederick Hatcher	Rose Blanche	Radar.
Philip Fleming	St. Stephen's	Engine.
Leonard J. McCarthy	Goose Cove	Engine and gurdy.
Herbert Carroll	Cook's Harbour	Radar
John Charles Jones	Upper Island Cove	Gurdy
Chesley Ryan	King's Point	Engine and gurdy.
Malachy O'Flaherty	Burnt Point	Engine.
Robert H. Taylor	Bristol's Hope	Engine.
Ronald Cassell and Arthur Ford	Jackson's Arm	Hauler and sounder.
Norman F. Reeves	St. Lawrence	Radar
Wesley G. Fudge	Woodstock	Engine.
Harvey Squire	Eastport	Engine and equipment
Merril Stacey	Red Harbour	Engine.
Wally Shiner	Smith's Harbour	Engine and equipment.
Harold Haines	Shoal Cove West	Engine.

	<u>Add.</u>	<u>Item</u>
Melvin Roberts	Card's Harbour	Engine.
George Thorne & Dorman Pollett	New Harbour	Radar and Gurdy.
Wilfred Verge	Brighton	Engine and gurdy.
Joyce Simms	St. Anthony Bight	Engine
William Lane	Tickle Cove	Gurdy
Samuel King	Badger's Quay	Engine.
Claude Greenham	Pacquet	M/V "BAYOU QUEEN" -
Willis Daye, Watson Reid & Norman Cullimore	Little Catalina	Engine and equipment.
Gerard Melvin	Tors Cove	Engine.
Wilfred Elliott	St. Anthony	Engine.

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Reginald Rogers	Durrell	Engine.
Fred Smith	Chance Cove	Used 32 foot boat.
Leonard Brown	Wild Bight	Increase in loan to purchase 42 foot fiberglass longline.
Gerard Molloy	St. Shott's	Boat and engine.
Lawrence Edwards	St. Lawrence	Radar.
Ralph & Raymond Simms	Hermitage	Engine.
Edwin and Eldon Seward	Gooseberry Cove	Engine
Richard Jones	Trinity East	Increase in cost of boat and engine.
George Perrott	St. Lawrence	Engine
Charles Clarke	Baine Harbour	Engine.
Thomas Fahey	Harbour Round	Engine.
Howard Branton	Thornlea	Gurdy
Leo & John Hearn	Petty Harbour	Engine.
John Russell	Main Brook	Engine.
Doug Williams	Bay Bulls	Boat, engine and hauler
Peter J. Griffiths	Ship Harbour	Engine.
Hayward Blake	Quirpon	Gurdy
Thomas Murphy	Renews	Engine
Ephraim Warren	Grey River	Trawl Hauler
Roland Tucker	Quirpon	Gurdy
Boyd Penney	Little Seldom	Engine and radar
Austin Bennett	Petites	Engine
Gordon Smith	Chance Cove	Gurdy
John Casey	Conche	Gurdy
Lawrence Barry	St. Bride's	Construction & outfitting of 35 foot boat
William J. Carew	Cape Broyle	Gurdy
John Marsh	Lower Lance Cove	Engine
Lewis Petten	Musgravetown	Engine

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Wade, Perry & Glen Burton	La Scie	Increase in cost of dragging equipment.
Allan Starkes	La Scie	Increase in cost of dragging equipment
Frederick Aylward	Goose Cove	New 21 foot fiberglass boat.
Bruce Guy	Musgrave Harbour	Engine and equipment.
Levi Spurrell	Butter Cove	Engine, gurdy and roller.
Bert Rowsell	Leading Tickle	Engine.
Albert E. Kane	Renews	Engine.
Joseph Hynes	Fox Island River	Engine and equipment
Allister Roberts	Card's Harbour	Engine, Gurdy, and sounder
Cator Sturge & Ron Smith	Badger's Quay	Engine.
Bernard Fleming	St. Vincent's	Engine.
Ronald, Anthony & Edward Doyle	Bay de Verde	Engine.
Ron Osmond	Stephenville	Engine.
Harrison Cull	Caplin Cove	Gas engine.
Baxter & Russell Squires	Sibley's Cove	Engine, Gurdy and radar
Pleaman Smith	Chance Cove	Engine & pay off bank loan.
Richard O'Brien	Ferryland	New 25 foot boat & engine.
William Carroll	Griquet	Engine and gurdy.
Gerald Pitcher	Clareville	Gurdy and equipment.
William Winters	Nain	Used boat.
Eldred McLean	Green Island Brook	New 22 foot fiberglass boat.
Gregory Besso	Kelligrews	Sounder and gurdy.
John Percy	Brigus	Gurdy.
Wilson Sheppard	Postville, Labrador	New fiberglass boat.
Ivan Rideout	Whale's Gulch	Engine and equipment.
Michael Symonds	Conche	Engine and equipment.
Raymond King	La Scie	New 30 foot boat and engine.

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Martin Molloy	St. Shott's	New 26 foot boat and engine
James P. Ralph	Bellevue	New 28 foot boat and gurdy.
Robert Chafe	Newtown, Mount Pearl	New 30 foot boat and engine.
Llewellyn Powell	Summerville	Engine and sounder.
Vincent Noble	Nipper's Harbour	New 28 foot boat and engine.
Thomas Milley	Burnt Point	New 27 foot boat and engine.
Francis J. Judge	Placentia	Gurdy.
Rudolph Mercer	Upper Island Cove	Engine.

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Edward Fitzgerald	Jersey, Placentia	Engine
Philip Sexton	St. Anthony	Engine and gurdy
Hubert Marsh	Bonavista	Engine.
George Gosse	Dildo	Engine, sounder and pump
Windross Banton	Winterton	Engine
Gerald & Albert Ralph	Eastport	Engine and Equipment.
Wayne Murphy	St. John's	Engine, gurdy, pump and sounder.
Gerald Warren	Dildo	Engine and equipment.
Cecil Pitcher	Heart's Content	Engine.
Arthur John Osmond	Beaches, Hampden	M/V "CHERYL D. II"
Lewis R. McGrath	New Bonaventure	Engine and Gurdy
Gerald Elliott	Cook's Harbour	Engine and gurdy.
Leslie Fudge	Leading Pickles	Engine and gurdy
Ray Dalton	Harbour Main	New 45 foot longliner
Clarence Bursey	Old Perlican	M/V "TIMMY E."
John & Howard Lewis	Durrell, Twillingate	Radar and gurdy
Raymond Ollerhead	Main Brook	Engine
Lloyd Abbott	Bonavista	Engine.
Bert Kippenhuck	Port Hope Simpson	Engine
Eric O'Brien	L'Anse Au Loup	New 53 foot longliner

FISHERIES LEAGUE BOARD

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Item</u>
Gerald and Doyle White	Hillgrade	Gurdy and roller.
Wayne Howell	Trepassey	Engine, radar and hauler
Stanley Parsons	Bristol's Hope	M/V "JEANNIE NO. 1"
William Ward	Leading Tickers	Engine and gurdy
Arthur Coward	Greenspond	M/V "LORRIE K. SUSAN"
Ted Bromley and Bernard Jones	Croque	Engine.
Philip Burry	Greenspond	Engine
Edmund and Willis Earle	Summerford	Engine and equipment.
Charles, Carson and Chesley Melindy	Lumsden	Engine
Alphaeus Tucker	Englee	Gurdy
Cecil Randell	Englee	Construct new 45 foot wooden vessel.
Herbert Reid	Foxtrap	M/V "LAURIE & LLOYD"
Richard Lewis	Lower Island Cove	Engine.
Richard Ropson	Harbour Deep	Engine.
Pius Griffin	Ship Harbour	Engine.
Denzil Walsh	Islington	Gurdy and roller.
Stedman Letto	L'Anse au Clair	Engine and equipment.
Alexander Pike	Old Perlican	M/V "LADY WHALEN"
James Hackett	English Harbour East	Engine and sounder
Woodrow, Barry and James Dicks	Ming's Sight	Construct new 45 foot wooden fishing vessel.

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Leslie Butt	Hickman's Harbour	Engine
John F. Parsons	Leading Ticks	Engine and hauler
Ted Foote	La Scie	Engine
Boyce Bath	La Scie	Construct 45 foot wooden fishing vessel.
Wallace Noble	Nipper's Harbour	Construct 45 foot wooden fishing vessel.
Maurice Noonan	Bay de Verde	Construct 45 foot wooden fishing vessel.
Lionel House,	King's Point	Construct 53 foot wooden fishing vessel.
Keltie McDermott	Rose Blanche	Engine.