

## Supply

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

## BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

## ALLOTTED DAY, S.O. 62—ABORIGINAL PEOPLES

**Mr. Keith Penner (Cochrane-Superior)** moved:

That this House condemns the Government for its confusing and manipulative approaches to Indian and aboriginal issues in Canada, thereby fostering uncertainty, distrust, cynicism and outrage among native peoples by:

(1) turning the April First Ministers' Conference into an elaborately staged public relations exercise in an attempt to achieve a consensus with the Premiers which ignored the legitimate rights of the aboriginal peoples;

(2) developing strategies such as those outlined in the study known as "The Buffalo Jump of the 1980s", which run contrary to the unanimous report of the Special Committee on Indian Self-Government; and

(3) using the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development as the frontline ambassador of goodwill, while surreptitiously preparing policies which will damage beyond repair the special trust relationship that exists between the Government of Canada and the aboriginal peoples.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I present this motion to the House today with a considerable measure of sadness; sadness because we in Canada have at the present moment a glorious opportunity to work with the indigenous and aboriginal people of Canada—the Indian, the Inuit and the Métis—to show how self-determination and self-government for our original inhabitants can work in a settled federal state such as ours, how self-government for aboriginal peoples can end almost all long-standing grievances that still exist, how self-government can end gross injustices which have been imposed upon the Indian people and how we can chart a new course.

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**Mr. Oberle:** Perpetrated by 50 years of Liberalism.

**Mr. Penner:** The Hon. Member opposite will have his chance if he is patient. If he stays around for most of the day, we will hear him.

We have to re-establish a very battered and bruised trust relationship and, now that we have the opportunity, end once and for all the totalitarian and colonial regime that has been imposed on Indians by the strong arm of the Indian Act, the federal bureaucracy, the Department of Indian Affairs. Self-government for the aboriginal peoples of Canada is the way that we must proceed. My hon. friend opposite, who was emboldened to interject, was a part of the special committee on Indian self-government helped to make it's report unanimous. For that I give him all the tribute that he deserves.

There are those who say that it will never work. The cynics say it will never work. When they say that, they never give any reasons why it will not work and they never provide any examples. I do not argue that it will work. I say that it does work. There are case histories and models in abundance. They have been mentioned often. There is no time to repeat them today.

Over and above those models and examples there is the historical argument, which is simply that Indian people

**Mr. Skelly:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Thacker:** It is an Opposition Day today.

**Mr. Skelly:** Perhaps I will present the rest tomorrow.

**Mr. Dick:** That is Saturday.

**Mr. Skelly:** Hopefully on Monday, then.

[Translation]

## NATIVE WOMEN

**Mr. Louis Plamondon (Richelieu):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of presenting a petition concerning the registration and and re-registration of native women and their children in my riding who belong to the Abenakis.

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[English]

## QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. Paul Dick (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, Question No. 305 will be answered today.

[Text]

## WESTERN DEVELOPMENT FUND

Question No. 305—**Mrs. Sparrow:**

With reference to the answer to question no. 262, what were the specific amounts assigned to each designated initiative under the Western Development Fund?

**Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of State (Finance)):** Under the Western Development Fund, \$345 million was assigned to Native Economic Development, \$82 million was assigned to the Agri-Food Development Program, and \$60 million was assigned to the Vancouver rapid transit system. Amounts assigned to western grain transportation related initiatives include \$1,740 million, up to 1985-86, plus increased future commitments under the Western Grain Transportation Act.

[English]

**Mr. Dick:** Mr. Speaker, I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

**Mr. Speaker:** The questions as enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** May I also congratulate the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary on finally getting the bottom of the notice changed after eight weeks. He will know that I could not resist saying that.