

### Oral Questions

although the hon. member for Temiscaming knows these facts as well. The question is very pertinent.

First of all let me tell the hon. member about Elliot Lake. The FEDNOR program under the federal government in the last year has put 10 different projects into Elliot Lake. We are redoubling our efforts there.

There are 40 other projects for the Algoma region. Kirkland Lake, the whole Temiscaming area which the hon. member represents, has had over 34 different projects announced there in the last year and a half. Just last week we announced the third biggest project under FEDNOR. We are redoubling our efforts under FEDNOR to target those two regions, and we are very proud of what we have been able to accomplish so far.

**Mrs. Diane Marleau (Sudbury):** Mr. Speaker, I have a feeling that maybe we should send government members some press releases. They are not aware of what is going on in our country.

Would the minister get real? FEDNOR just is not enough. CEIP is not working. Most of the grants in northern Ontario are going to tourism, and we know what the GST is going to do to tourism in northern Ontario. It will be gone.

What is the minister going to do today? What statement is he going to make at three o'clock, right now? Tell the people of northern Ontario what you are going to do.

You are going to say to them: "Retrain them". Retrain them to do what?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member has put her question.

**Hon. Tom Hockin (Minister of State (Small Businesses and Tourism)):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member wants a mega-answer to a specific region in northern Ontario. What is developing is a whole series of initiatives that the government is taking in concert with the province of Ontario in a number of areas.

In addition to FEDNOR, we have the Native Economic Development Program, now the Canadian Aboriginal Economic Development Program, which is putting projects into northern Ontario at the rate of about 20 or 30 a year in those particular regions, plus tourism.

As we know the GST is going to lower the cost of operating a tourist establishment by 3 per cent to 4 per cent. That is a new dividend for them. Plus we have a series of joint agreements on tourism that have already helped them.

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### FISHERIES

**Hon. Roger C. Simmons (Burin—St. George's):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Prime Minister, I would like to direct a question to my good friend, the Deputy Prime Minister, who I am sure will agree that the Prime Minister last week put on a fairly shameful display when he tried to blame fishermen for the current fisheries problems.

The Deputy Prime Minister may know that there is only one—

**Some hon. members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** Perhaps the hon. member could put his question.

**Mr. Simmons:** They cannot take the truth. My question is for the Deputy Prime Minister who knows that the only villain in this, domestically speaking, is the Prime Minister for trying to blame the fishermen in the first place.

My question is this: Can he tell us—

**Some hon. members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** This House can of course take a lot of latitude in questions, but pejorative questions are going to invite that kind of response. The hon. member will put his question directly.

**Mr. Simmons:** Can the Deputy Prime Minister tell us whether he sees foreign overfishing as a problem?

If so, what is the government doing about it? Are we making any progress, or has he thrown up his hands like his friend, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, did last week who said: "There is nothing we can do. We have got to let the Spanish and Portuguese take all our fish"?

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member has put on the record so many—I cannot say falsehoods because the rules do not allow me—inaccurate statements that I do not know where to begin.