

*Oral Questions*

and a point. I indicated earlier that I had not read the judgment. I have not conferred with the Minister.

I do not know if any decision has been made to appeal the judgment. Until that is decided it is premature to say that the judgment is the law of the land. It becomes the law of the land when all appeals have been exhausted, or when an appeal has not been lodged.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** A short supplementary.

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**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**

## USE OF WRITS OF ASSISTANCE

**Hon. Allan Lawrence (Durham-Northumberland):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the Government's growing trend to deal in a discriminatory way because of court decisions, I would also ask the Prime Minister to look at the decision of the Solicitor General to continue the use of writs of assistance only in those Provinces where the courts have not declared it invalid?

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, in that matter we are following a very clear, established policy of this Government, and which was followed by prior Governments as well. When there are conflicting court decisions across the country, or when decisions of lower courts are made in parts of the country, the Government respects that decision for the jurisdiction in which it is decided. But when the matter is resolved at a higher level, that settles it for the country as a whole. I do not see how a process could work on any other basis.

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**CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS**

## RETENTION OF STATUS BY CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION, BRITISH COLUMBIA DIVISION

**Mr. Walter McLean (Waterloo):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Revenue. It stems from the harassment by the Minister's officials of individuals, artists, and now voluntary agencies across Canada. The Minister may know that on June 22 the British Columbia Division of the Canadian Mental Health Association was advised by his departmental officials to alter proposed amendments to its constitution if that Association wished to retain its charitable status. The objectionable section in the statement of purpose states, "to advocate and lobby for improvement and integration of treatment and rehabilitation services for persons who become handicapped or disabled by emotional disorders." I would simply ask the Minister if he authorized that harassment of the Canadian Mental Health Association.

[Translation]

**Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to indicate to the Hon. Member that the

responsibility of Revenue Canada officials is to make sure that the legislation voted by Parliament and the laws as interpreted by our courts are enforced. I urge him to examine the provisions of the Income Tax Act dealing with charitable organizations, as well as the decisions made by the courts. Since the Members of his party have been finding so much significance in court decisions during Question Period today, he should indeed delve into the legal precedents related to charitable organizations and he will realize that the action taken by the Department to ensure compliance with the Income Tax Act is very much in keeping with the legal precedents of the past few years with respect to charitable organizations.

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[English]

**INDUSTRY**

## FUTURE OF BOWATER PAPER MILL AT CORNER BROOK, NFLD.

**Hon. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. He will know that the mill at Corner Brook, Newfoundland, now owned and operated by Bowater, is to be closed by them by next year if they do not find a prospective purchaser, putting the jobs of a thousand people in jeopardy, and all the allied jobs. Is the Government working on any plan that might see the continuation of the operations of that mill, or any plan to see that the mill's machinery is modernized? Is the Minister working with the Government of Newfoundland on this situation?

**Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** As the Hon. Member knows, as I believe I responded in the House two weeks ago, Bowater have not been in touch with my office directly. They have been negotiating with the Premier of Newfoundland and the Newfoundland Government for the last three or four months. We were advised by the Government of Newfoundland about three or four weeks ago of the possibility of the mill closing.

As the Hon. Member knows, under a pulp and paper modernization agreement, the Government of Canada committed about \$17 million, with the Province of Newfoundland, toward the modernization of that mill a few years ago. The company decided not to proceed with the modernization. That money is still available for any prospective new buyer.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Oshawa.

**Mr. Crosbie:** A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The Speaker has recognized the Hon. Member for Oshawa. There has been a problem up to this point in recognizing that Hon. Member.