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## AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

### FUTURE OF BOISBRIAND GENERAL MOTORS PLANT WORKERS

**Mr. Gilbert Chartrand (Verdun-Saint-Paul):** Mr. Speaker, workers at the General Motors plant in Boisbriand have never been as uncertain about their future. It seems the company is seriously considering the possibility of closing the only plant it has in Quebec, because the plant's assembly procedures have now become obsolete. And this comes at a time when the company has just announced a complete overhaul of its plant in Oshawa, that will cost \$2 billion.

Boisbriand workers are at least as productive if not more so than those in other North American plants, and I think we should give this skilled work force a chance to show what it can do and ensure the plant will be viable.

If General Motors spent part of its \$8 billion renovation budget for 1985-86 on the Boisbriand plant, it would be acting as a responsible corporate citizen and could protect 3,500 jobs in Quebec, a province where the company makes about 30 per cent of all its sales in Canada.

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## CROWN CORPORATIONS

### SALE OF TELEGLOBE CANADA

**Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal):** Mr. Speaker, Tele-globe Canada is a fine, outstanding example of a well managed Crown corporation built by Canadians, for Canadians, with Canadian money. It is our international voice.

I cannot understand, when we have eight out of eleven Canadian bidders, why the Government would not direct its interest only toward those Canadian bidders, would not also insist on 100 per cent Canadian content in all purchases, would not ensure that Telecom communication workers' contracts are protected, as they are today, and not also ensure that Canadians will maintain a 100 per cent Canadian interest through Canadian management, and only through a telecommunication group, not just an entrepreneurial oriented group.

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## ENERGY

### PRICE OF GASOLINE

**Mr. Reginald Stackhouse (Scarborough West):** Mr. Speaker, after a recent crude oil price reduction the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Miss Carney) asked oil industry leaders to reduce prices at the pump. This met with criticism and doubt from cynics, including the Opposition. I am encouraged by the way gas stations are already showing the effects of that persuasion.

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On March 13, for example, one Scarborough West gas station charged 46.9 cents for regular gas and 49.9 cents for unleaded gasoline. Today that same station charges 44.5 cents for regular and 47.5 cents for unleaded gasoline, a drop of 2.4 cents a litre.

Crude oil prices have dropped around the world again. It has been demonstrated by the figures I have cited that moral suasion by the Minister produces results in a free enterprise economy. I urge her to take that action again, and to take it now. Canadian consumers deserve a better deal at the pump.

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## AIR TRANSPORT

### BRITISH COLUMBIA COASTAL COMMUNITIES—HELICOPTER MEDICAL EVACUATION SERVICE

**Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, in January the Emergency Health Services Commission of Transport Canada banned the use of single-engine helicopters for night medical evacuations in British Columbia. A few days ago a physician from Prince Rupert phoned to advise me that a two-day old baby required medical evacuation to Vancouver at night. The Medevac jet sped from Vancouver to Prince Rupert. Over the next four and a half hours the special incubator was taken by bus to the ferry, from the ferry to the hospital, hospital to the ambulance, ambulance to the ferry, then to the airport on Digby Island for the jet to Vancouver. It took four and a half hours instead of four minutes.

The northern B.C. coastal communities have had on average over the past year a night-time medical evacuation every three days. The bureaucracy and the Minister may be happy with the ban and the offer of the defence of necessity. However, let it be known that the situation as it now stands, according to doctors, is endangering lives.

The Minister has a responsibility to issue to hospitals, emergency personnel, pilots, helicopter companies, and the public, a statement of circumstances under which patients who cannot be stabilized—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Sixty seconds.

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## HOUSE OF COMMONS

### BEHAVIOUR OF THE OPPOSITION

**Mr. Gilles Bernier (Beauce):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to refer to the behaviour of the Opposition in this House. It has been quite some time since Canadian men and women have heard such language and witnessed such disgraceful conduct on the part of their elected representatives.