

## JUSTIFICATION FOR EXPENDITURE

**Hon. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe):** Madam Speaker, now that the Secretary of State, with the support of his Liberal colleagues, has recognized all those people, perhaps he can give some recognition to the taxpayers of Canada who have to foot the bill for this extravaganza.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Beatty:** Is the Secretary of State telling the House and the people of Canada that he threw this party at the taxpayers' expense without having the foggiest idea of what the cost would be, and is he telling the people of Canada that if the figure is, indeed, as his aide suggested, \$100,000, that can be justified at a time when the Minister of Finance and his cabinet colleagues are demanding that ordinary Canadians take cuts in their standard of living?

**Hon. Gerald Regan (Secretary of State):** Madam Speaker, I think the hon. member would be able to understand that if you put on a dinner for a very small convention it is going to cost less than if you put one on for a very big convention. We are coming right back to the point of principle as to whether it is or is not good policy for the Government of Canada, in common with the provincial government, to provide hospitality in such circumstances.

**An hon. Member:** How much?

**Mr. Regan:** I can assure the hon. member that, in my view, it is in the interest of the Canadian taxpayers when you can attract to this country something that leaves, as this occasion did, \$4 million in direct expenditures in the city of Montreal, plus all the publicity that was achieved; that is very worthwhile.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Regan:** I cannot give the hon. member an exact figure because my department was not the only department of government involved.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Madam Speaker:** Order!

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## ENERGY

## BEAUFORT SEA DEVELOPMENT DECISIONS

**Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. As the minister knows, the Beaufort Sea environment assessment review has been delayed by Dome, Gulf and Esso by their failure to submit information, and by their dispute over the relative risks of tanker traffic and pipelines in the Arctic. The minister has denied access to funds in the energy envelope to the departments with responsibility in the north, and has now

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put pressure on his colleague, the Minister of the Environment, to come up with ways of making decisions before the environmental assessment is complete. Will the minister explain to the House how it is possible to make major drilling and production decisions when he has provided "no funds to discharge our own statutory responsibilities"?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** As usual, Madam Speaker, the hon. member is in error.

## PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENT

**Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena):** Madam Speaker, as usual, I will be releasing the letter from the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources to the Minister of the Environment at the end of the question period to the press, and perhaps then the Canadian public can make its own decision.

The Minister of the Environment has objected directly to the minister regarding the pressure he has put on him. In particular, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources has given \$400 million to accelerate exploration in the Mackenzie Delta and \$2 billion to assist the oil industry, while at the same time denying a few thousand dollars to intervenors and government departments in order to protect the most fragile environment in the world. The Minister of the Environment says, "we would be remiss to accelerate the review process unduly and then find that the economics of the situation do in fact preclude early development". Does the minister of Energy, Mines and Resources intend to take the advice of his colleague, the Minister of the Environment, or is he going to forge ahead and support the oil industry, regardless of the social and environmental consequences, and regardless of his and his colleagues' statutory responsibilities?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Madam Speaker, the Minister of the Environment and myself are working very closely together, and I support the steps taken by that minister.

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## FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW AGENCY

## ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS—EFFECT OF RESTRAINT GUIDELINES

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition):** Madam Speaker, will the minister responsible for FIRA tell the House whether acceptance of FIRA applications by the federal government will now be conditional upon foreign companies or Canadian subsidiary companies implementing the government's 6 per cent and 5 per cent guidelines?

**Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Madam Speaker, we have not created any such stipulation. If