

...We are asking the United States not to take any actions which would assume that those territories were not in dispute. When we last took that action, the United States agreed to the request....²²

Referring to an article in the New York Times which spoke of more extensive activities by US submarines in the Arctic, Pauline Jewett asked whether the US had asked permission for these activities. Mr. Clark stated:

...let me take this occasion to indicate publicly that the Government of Canada expects the US Government to respect and enforce the understanding among all NATO allies about not revealing the presence of our routes used by ships of the US or NATO fleets.²³

Conservative member Dave Nickerson made a statement in the House:

...in the wake of the Polar Sea transit, [the Government] announced...the Canadian Laws Offshore Application Act which was introduced into Parliament as Bill C-104 in April 1986. This Act would have confirmed Canadian jurisdiction within the area defined by drawing straight base lines around the islands of the Arctic Archipelago. Bill C-104 died on the Order Paper last June and to date it has not been reintroduced. What has happened to this Bill?²⁴

NDP member Pauline Jewett asked:

...will the Secretary of State for External Affairs quite explicitly assure the House that in the negotiations he is having with the United States there are not any discussions or negotiations on the question of Canadian sovereignty,...and that the United States...will not in fact be given full and free access to Canadian Arctic waters?²⁵

²² Ibid.

²³ Commons Debates, 19 Dec. 1986, p. 2296.

²⁴ Commons Debates, 26 Jan, 1987, p. 2680.

²⁵ Commons Debates, 23 Mar. 1987, p. 4447.