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**The Daily: Platforms, Positions and Statements
of the Major Federal Parties on Subjects of Interest to EAITC****Le Quotidien : Plates-formes, positions et déclarations des partis
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PM Kim Campbell said Thursday in St. John's that the current round of negotiations at the United Nations represents the best hope of keeping foreign fisherman from depleting cod stocks off the Grand Banks. "The law of the jungle is not the answer for an inadequate law of the sea," she said.

Fisheries Minister Ross Reid, also in St. John's said Canada would be the "loser" if it extended its jurisdiction. "Extending jurisdiction is a unilateral act, it's contrary to international law, contrary to the Law of the Sea," he said.

St. John's two Reform candidates are promising Newfoundland more control over the fishery and other natural resources under a Reform government.

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***no significant items/
aucun élément d'importance***

***Other issues/Autres questions***

The following are highlights of the parties' stands on Parliamentary reform:

- Lib:** appoint more women and minorities; more free votes; no double dipping and a review of minim pension age; cut by \$10 million per year the budgets of ministers' offices.
- Nat:** ensure appointments are awarded on merit; more free votes; prevent parliamentarians from setting their own salaries and benefits; referenda on significant issues; shorten government terms; elections on fixed dates; and prohibiting foreign corporations from financing parties.
- NDP:** Abolish the Senate; more free votes; independent review of appointment to boards; reduce perks; strengthen conflict of interest guidelines and lobbyist legislation; fixed elections; improve access to information law; MP pensions comparable to those in private sector.
- PCs:** Would ensure employees are selected on merit; parliamentary committees would review appointments to key agencies; give MPs a greater role in drafting laws; more free votes; stricter rules for lobbyists; strengthen conflict of interest rules; no double-dipping; no pensions before 55; cut budgets of ministers' offices.
- Ref:** more free votes; MPs would swear allegiance to constituents and Queen; support recall measures for MPs; bring MP pension in line with private sector counterpart; referenda on key issues; Triple-E Senate; end subsidization of parties through public funds.