

*Oral Questions**[English]***POLLUTION IN GREAT LAKES—WORSENING CONDITION OF LAKE ONTARIO—GOVERNMENT ACTION**

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, my question is also directed to the Minister of the Environment. In view of the fact that the International Joint Commission in its second annual report on water pollution in the Great Lakes has indicated some progress in water clean-up in Lake Erie while worsening conditions continue in Lake Ontario, has the IJC and this government in particular given up attempts to make similar progress in Lake Ontario in pollution clean-up as well as the control of highly fluctuating and dangerous water levels? If not, what further steps is this government prepared to take in order to rectify this situation?

[Translation]

Hon. Jeanne Sauvé (Minister of the Environment): No, Mr. Speaker, we are well ahead in our clean-up program of the Great Lakes. Our concern is such that, following recommendations of the International Joint Commission, we have made representations to the Americans so that they speed up their own water clean-up program.

Water levels, as everyone knows, are subject to constant study by our services and the International Joint Commission and we keep the matter under close watch.

*[English]***POLLUTION IN GREAT LAKES—SUGGESTED STIFFER PENALTIES FOR POLLUTING INDUSTRIES**

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the fact that all reports, including one from the chairman of the Toronto Waterfront Advisory Board find that Lake Ontario is destined to eventually become just one large marsh, will this government undertake to introduce even stiffer penalties to industries that continue to dump polluted wastes not only in our lakes but in our rivers and will they suggest the same thing to the United States?

[Translation]

Hon. Jeanne Sauvé (Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, the discharge of industrial wastes in the Great Lakes is subject to regulations that we established in co-operation with the provinces and by which, as far as I know, the industries concerned abide.

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*[English]***HOUSING****INQUIRY AS TO WHETHER \$500 GRANT TO FIRST TIME PURCHASERS TAXABLE**

Mr. Jim Fleming (York West): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State for Urban Affairs regarding the first time home buyers' program. Present inquiries to my local office indicate some confusion. Can the minister clear up the question of whether the \$500 grant for first time home purchasers is or is not taxable?

[Mrs. Sauvé.]

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have the opportunity to clarify that. I have consulted with my colleague the Minister of National Revenue and the \$500 first time home owners' grant is not taxable.

NUMBER OF UNITS AVAILABLE WHICH QUALIFY FOR \$500 GRANT

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): While I am on my feet, Mr. Speaker, may I respond to a question the hon. member for Broadview asked yesterday which I was not able to answer in detail. I can offer a little more detail today. It was with reference to the availability of housing which qualifies in this range in Toronto. I do not have a complete list but from a quick scanning of the newspapers, which anyone who can read can find, in the Toronto region there are 190 units in Scarborough, 300 in Islington—

Some hon. Members: Order, order!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps in respect to the other members, the further information might better be conveyed by correspondence. The hon. member for Hillsborough.

Mr. Gilbert: Mr. Speaker, a question of privilege.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Broadview on a question of privilege.

Mr. Gilbert: Mr. Speaker, yesterday the minister said that he had sent me a newspaper showing advertisements for homes listed at less than \$45,000 and he restricted it to condominium and row housing. May I say, Mr. Speaker, that I have not received the newspaper from the minister. Probably the only place I would find any mention of the minister would be on the comic page rather than the advertising page.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Gilbert: May I say he is quickly becoming—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. In fairness, if I am not going to let the minister continue with his side of it I do not think I can allow the hon. member to continue.

Mr. Gilbert: He started it.

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HEALTH**STUDY ON CORRELATION BETWEEN MALE FERTILITY AND WEARING OF KILT**

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of National Health and Welfare may I address a question to his parliamentary secretary. It is prompted by the research being carried on by a leading geneticist at a great Scottish university on the apparent correlation between male fertility and the wear-