

*Oral Questions***EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

## ACTION BY STATE OF FLORIDA AGAINST CANADIAN CITIZEN

**Mr. Chris Speyer (Cambridge):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister and is prompted by news reports from this morning and yesterday concerning the decision made by the State of Florida to re-lay charges against Sidney Jaffe and that, in the event that his application for parole is successful, he will be re-arrested. This whole affair, beginning with the abduction of Mr. Jaffe, has cast very serious questions upon the quality of justice administered in that State and the fairness of the judgment of the Attorney General of that State. Accordingly, I would ask the Prime Minister what the country of Canada is prepared to do in terms of retaliatory action against conduct which is so unacceptable to us?

**Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member is quite right when he states that the conduct at the basis of the Jaffe case is completely unacceptable, not only to Canada but to other civilized nations. We have taken the strongest possible exception to that action and I have attended many meetings devoted to this purpose, including quite a number of meetings with American officials.

The case is still in the legal process in the United States. The Government of Canada has commenced a legal action for habeas corpus in the Federal Court of that country and I believe that we must see through to the end the legal process which we have begun. Mr. Jaffe has the right to his own forms of legal process. His goals are not precisely the same as ours, although obviously his goals and our goals do overlap considerably.

I believe that it is very important, Mr. Speaker, because we are taking a stand based upon legality and upon civilized life, that we follow all of the legalities in this case ourselves.

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**CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

## AMOUNT OF GASOLINE PRICE INCREASE—MINISTER'S POSITION

**Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River):** Mr. Speaker, my question is again directed to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. The major oil companies have moved the price of gasoline up 15 cents per litre. One cent per litre is worth \$250 million to oil companies—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Would the Hon. Member please state his question?

**Mr. Skelly:** Is the Minister prepared to sit back and wait while the oil companies take almost \$5 billion out of the pockets of consumers, or would she be prepared to have her Department inquire immediately into the question of what a fair retail price for gasoline would be, and then attempt to have the oil companies roll their prices back to that amount?

**Hon. Judy Erola (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I have attempted twice to answer the Hon. Member's question, and I shall try for the third time. I will make it perfectly clear that the inquiry that is under way now will, I hope, produce the kind of statistics that will lead to measures that will be fair to all, to the oil companies and to the consumers.

I believe that it is fair to comment that much of this increase is due to increases in taxes which are, of course, at the provincial level. Let me make it very clear that this is also part of the problem.

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## REQUEST THAT CANADA-UNITED STATES EXTRADITION TREATY BE SUSPENDED

**Mr. Chris Speyer (Cambridge):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the Minister of Justice and concerns the same subject. I would like to ask the Minister of Justice if, in light of the shocking and contemptible attitude that has been displayed in the Jaffe case by the State of Florida, he would give serious consideration to suspending our extradition treaty with the State of Florida so that people do not have to face the quality of justice that is obviously administered in that State.

**Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, I certainly share the feelings of frustration that the Hon. Member has expressed with the State of Florida. Our extradition treaty, however, is not with the State of Florida but is with the Government of the United States. I do not think that the proper reaction at this stage would be to follow the course of action that my hon. friend recommends. I believe that we have no alternative at the moment but to place our emphasis and to put our priorities on the legal process because, after all, the legal process is what has been departed from by those who have seized Jaffe and put him in prison in Florida.

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## U.S.S.R.—DOWNING OF KOREAN AIRLINER—REJECTION OF CANADIAN NOTE

**Hon. Sinclair Stevens (York-Peel):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister and, of course, it concerns the tragic downing of the KAL 007 flight. As the Government has attempted to give notice of a claim for compensation to the Soviet Union with respect to the tragic loss of ten Canadians and others who lost their lives on this plane, would the Prime Minister indicate what further steps the Government plans now to take, bearing in mind that it has twice been insulted by the Soviet Union, first when it refused to accept delivery of the mere note with respect to compensation and then sending it back by courier.