

aged, pensions for the crippled, and family allowances. That is why millions of people in Canada elected the PC Government with a mandate to cut the deficit and to live within our means. Yet every time we make a cut the Liberals and the NDP yell their heads off.

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The Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney), the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson), and the PC Party have a vision of a prosperous Canada, not a bankrupt nation. We can make sacrifices now and reduce the principal and interest and eventually eliminate the debt and build a nation, or we can go on in Liberal and NDP fashion and borrow ourselves into oblivion.

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

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### HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

**Mr. Speaker:** May I indicate the presence in our gallery today of the Minister of Industry for Prince Edward Island, the Hon. Wilbur MacDonald.

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

## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

**Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I had a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources who, I was advised, will be in the House. I will wait until she gets here.

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### FISHERIES

ISSUANCE OF LICENCE FOR EAST COAST CLAM FISHERY

**Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton-The Sydneys):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Deputy Prime Minister. The Minister of Fisheries and Oceans is being sued by Kristan Seafoods International Inc. for issuing a licence, against the advice of his senior bureaucrats, to Mother Snow's Fine Foods Ltd. for a test clam fishery off the coast of Cape Breton Island.

Were the Minister and the Government not aware, when this licence was issued, that three of the five principals had outstanding judgments against them, and in fact two of the principals themselves are being sued by Kristan Seafoods for representing themselves as working for Kristan Seafoods while

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gathering information for their own licence application and leaving Kristan Seafoods high and dry?

**Hon. Erik Nielsen (Deputy Prime Minister and Acting Minister of Fisheries and Oceans):** Mr. Speaker, that is quite a statement by the Hon. Member. I will provide the answer as Acting Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. The short answer is that two licences of an available six were granted to Mother Snow's after the regional director had interviewed and received applications from three, I believe.

The regional director in Halifax issued those two licences.

**Mr. MacLellan:** Quite a situation indeed, Mr. Speaker.

### ALLEGED POLITICAL PRESSURE

**Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton-The Sydneys):** Mr. Speaker, Kristan's statement of claim against the Minister states that the Minister did know of the action against the two principals when the licence was issued by Fisheries and Oceans.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. Question, please.

**Mr. MacLellan:** Were not the Minister and the Government led to issue this licence because of political pressure, because one of the five principals is Richard Logan, former chief of staff to the ex-Minister of Defence, the Member of Parliament for Cumberland-Colchester?

**Hon. Erik Nielsen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, those are definable only as allegations by the Hon. Member. I am surprised that he would make such allegations knowing, as he obviously does, that an action to which he has referred has been commenced in the courts by Kristan. It is totally improper for the Government or indeed any Member to be raising questions that are *sub judice*.

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### ENERGY

INCREASE IN PRICE OF GASOLINE IN VANCOUVER

**Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Last March when she announced her Energy Accord, she told me, as reported in *Hansard* on March 29, that motorists would benefit from any decline in world oil prices. According to the figures from her Department, world oil prices have fallen from \$28 U.S. a barrel when she made that announcement to \$20.50 U.S. a barrel today.

In Vancouver, a city which both she and I have the honour of representing, motorists paid 47.3 cents a litre for gas in March. Today Vancouverites are paying 56.7 cents per litre; that is an increase of 20 per cent. Why are the people of Vancouver paying 20 per cent more to fill up their tanks when world oil prices have fallen 25 per cent in the same period?