

*Adjournment Debate*

**Mr. Belsher:** When the issue was raised again in October and the minister became aware that there may not have been total severance, he requested and received the resignation of the Chairman of the Hamilton Harbour Commission, Mr. Peter Lush.

With respect to the question raised by the hon. member, the minister gave his word to this House that a thorough and impartial review of the facts would be carried out, and he kept his promise. The law firm that conducted the review submitted its report and in accordance with the commitment made to this House by the minister, the report was made available to the public. In addition, the minister has written to the heads of all federal agencies that report to him and asked them to review the opinion of the independent law firm and to bring it to the attention of all persons subject to the

conflict of interest guidelines in their respective agencies.

Furthermore, the Harbour Commissions have also been instructed to seek the guidance and advice of the Assistant Deputy Registrar General when ambiguous situations render the interpretation and application of the guidelines difficult. In view of all the above, the government now considers this matter closed.

[*Translation*]

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 24(1).

The House adjourned at 5.41 p.m.