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### TRADE

#### UNITED STATES DUTY ON CANADIAN SOFTWOOD LUMBER— GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION

**Mr. Dave Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Right Hon. Prime Minister. It concerns the softwood lumber issue. I wish to quote for the Prime Minister comments made by the director of the Maritime Lumber Bureau who said:

I'm horrified that the Government would go over our heads to make this deal when the industry has spent \$10 to \$12 million fighting this thing, and was on the way to a decent settlement—

I ask the Right Hon. Prime Minister where was the consultation with the industry, the people who are so desperately affected by this particular move by the Government of Canada? Has the Prime Minister abandoned consultation with the industry with regard to a very important issue, the softwood lumber issue?

**Mr. John McDermid (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, not at all. Consultations on this particular subject have gone on over a great number of months with the industry and the unions. As the Prime Minister said today, the unions are solidly behind this decision, this approach which we are taking with the United States.

**Mr. Dingwall:** Mr. Speaker, I say to the Hon. Member, he is not a head waiter, he is not a dumb waiter. He is like the Prime Minister; he is a dumb head waiter.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Hon. Member will recognize that that is probably not necessary. Will he proceed and use more appropriate language, please?

**Mr. Dingwall:** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Right Hon. Prime Minister, if he has guts enough to stand in his place and answer questions in the national interest.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Some Hon. Members:** Sit down!

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Kenora—Rainy River.

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### ABORIGINAL RIGHTS

#### SETTLEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE CLAIMS

**Mr. John Parry (Kenora—Rainy River):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. Native people in Canada have been waiting for some time for a reaffirmation of the commitments the Prime Minister gave them during the early

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months of his mandate. He now has that opportunity with the introduction of a policy on comprehensive claims to Cabinet. Will the Prime Minister stand up in the House and answer the native people of Canada by providing a statement that his Government will indeed bring in a policy that provides for the fair and equitable settlement of comprehensive claims?

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, to reiterate a point which I think has been made by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, may I say to the Hon. Member that he in fact does take this whole question very seriously. He is working very hard in terms of the comprehensive land policy. We expect that progress will be made.

#### GOVERNMENT FUNDING

**Mr. John Parry (Kenora—Rainy River):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that an under-funded policy could lead to costly court settlements and undoubted damage to the social fabric of Canada, will the Minister of Justice assure the House and the native people of Canada that the policy will be funded so that claims can be settled fairly with all the resources necessary for that settlement?

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, no one can doubt the hard work that my colleague, the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, is putting into this particular endeavour. I simply want to reassure the Hon. Member and the House that this is a matter which the Government takes seriously in conjunction with other matters affecting the aboriginal people of Canada. I can tell the Hon. Member that when the policy has been determined and the consultations have been carried out it will be one which he will be happy to support.

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### FITNESS AND AMATEUR SPORT

#### STUDENTS' ACCEPTANCE OF AMERICAN ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

**Mr. Jim Jepson (London East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport. There is a growing concern that some of Canada's top athletes are leaving the country to attend schools in the United States on athletic scholarships. Will the Minister tell the House what he is doing, what efforts he is making to keep our young and talented athletes at home in Canada?

**Hon. Otto Jelinek (Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport)):** Mr. Speaker, this is indeed a problem that is of great concern to many Canadians. That is why some time ago I initiated discussions with interested parties, including the provinces, with a view to developing a scholarship program. I am glad to report that recently the CIAU has supported this