

*Oral Questions*

Canadian Government is making here at home? Did he ask President Reagan to do that?

**Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister):** But of course, Mr. Speaker, and in fact the structures are now in place because of the Lewis-Davis report. I cannot persuade the unpersuadable—

**Mr. Broadbent:** Right.

**Mr. Mulroney:** I acknowledge that. But perhaps other people can. I give the Hon. Member the view expressed last week by Adele Hurley, the co-ordinator of the Canadian Coalition on Acid Rain. She was quoted in *Maclean's* of March 24, 1986, as saying:

The study found that acid rain is a serious problem and that Eastern Canada suffers from U.S. emissions—points the Reagan administration has never conceded. "If the Prime Minister can get Reagan to endorse that," said Adele Hurley.—"I'll tip my hat to him."

This is the first time it has been done. And to confirm Miss Hurley's view, I know the Hon. Member would not disagree with the view of the *Washington Post* which stated yesterday:

President Reagan bowed to strong—

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

**Mr. Mulroney:**

—lobbying by Canadian Prime Minister, Brian Mulroney, yesterday—

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

**Mr. Mulroney:**

—and acknowledged for the first time that acid rain, threatening the environment on both sides of the border—

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

**Mr. Mulroney:**

—is caused by man-made pollution.

**Mr. Broadbent:** Mr. Speaker, I would be happy to quote for the Prime Minister all kinds of American elected officials, as well as environmentalists, who believe the Canadian Government sold them out in their battle with President Reagan. That is what they think.

## UNITED STATES PRESIDENT'S COMMITMENT

**Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa):** Considering that when President Reagan takes some political item seriously, as he did with funding the Contras in Central America, he goes to Congress with a very specific timetable asking for action and for funds, could the Prime Minister tell the House why President Reagan did not commit his administration to go to Congress with a timetable for reductions in the level of acid rain emissions in order to clear up this problem once and for all on this continent? Why did he not get that from the President?

**Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister):** I would ask my hon. friend to read the President's endorsement in the

context of the full report and all of its recommendations. The Hon. Member referred to elected officials. He mentioned the President and the Congress. The Congress controls the flow of funds—

**Mr. Broadbent:** Yes, yes.

**Mr. Mulroney:**—and I think the evidence of that is that the President was unsuccessful in his initiative in regard to the \$100 million—

**Mr. Broadbent:** But he tried.

**Mr. Mulroney:**—and not only is he going to try, as indicated, but I myself went to meet with the leadership of the Senate and the leadership of the House, including the Speaker, Mr. O'Neill, and the Majority Leader in the Senate, Mr. Dole. We have their views that they will be helpful to Canada and to the United States on this issue. I said to the Americans: "Don't think you're doing Canada a favour, this is your problem as well". The United States Congress must fund this project. I received assurances that it will.

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

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## YOUTH

## REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROGRAMS

**Mr. David Berger (Laurier):** Mr. Speaker, my question is also for the Prime Minister. I would like to pursue the questions of my colleagues. The Prime Minister recites the progress in bringing down unemployment. All of us who care about our country and our youth take heart in that progress. The Senate, though, said that even with the progress the situation of a great number of young people in Canada is intolerable—

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

**Mr. Guilbault (Saint-Jacques):** Limit the other side, too, with their long answers.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. It is true that sometimes questions and answers become too long by all of the Leaders. Question, please.

**Mr. Berger:** Seeing that the Prime Minister and his Cabinet recognize that more has to be done, why wait for the end of the fiscal year? Why will he not announce today, immediately, the programs which he said he has?

**Mr. Speaker:** Could the Hon. Member phrase a question which is not simply a repetition, please? I think he can ask that question in a way that is not exactly the same as the previous one.