

*Oral Questions*

The Prime Minister has kept his word. He has kept his word that we would develop the economy of western Canada. He has kept his word that we will have a share in the decision-making.

**Mr. Axworthy:** Tell us about the CF-18.

**Mr. McKnight:** He has provided a fund of \$1.2 billion that is real, unlike the fund about which the Hon. Member knows, which the previous administration established and which disappeared into thin air.

The Hon. Member says that the Deputy Minister responsible for western economic diversification said that free trade is restricting opportunities. That is not true.

Let me quote from a release by the Deputy Minister which states: "Moreover, I did not say that free trade will impede, restrict, limit, violate or put at risk regional development assistance".

**Mr. de Jong:** And nobody believes you!

**Mr. McKnight:** There is nothing in the free trade agreement that provides further obligations on Canada in regard to subsidies that are not already found in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

## DEPUTY MINISTER'S POSITION

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton—Melville):** Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister said that we share decision-making, and there will be, between Canada and Washington after this deal.

**Mrs. Mailly:** Sit down!

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** It's the same.

**Mr. Broadbent:** I will be in Saskatoon—we will be in Saskatoon. You should worry.

**Some Hon. Members:** Order!

**Mr. Speaker:** I hope that Hon. Members who are enthusiastically engaging in an exchange of opinions here will remember, keeping an eye on the clock, that they are stopping other Members from putting questions and stopping Ministers from answering. I do not want to have to draw that to their attention. However, I am sure, having done so, they will co-operate.

The Hon. Member for Yorkton—Melville will put his question.

• (1150)

**Mr. Nystrom:** Mr. Speaker, it is a question here of who is being honest with the Canadian people—civil servants like Stanley Hartt, Bruce Rawson, or the Prime Minister of Canada.

In light of the fact that Mr. Rawson has stated that the red meat industry will now be excluded—perhaps that is why Pocklington sold Gretzky to make some money, because he will now not get grants from the federal Government.

**Some Hon. Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** I would ask the Hon. Member to put his question very directly.

**Mr. Nystrom:** I want to know whether or not the Minister will table in the House today a list of sectors that will not get assistance now because of the trade deal, in light of the fact that Bruce Rawson has stated that some sectors, such as the red meat industry, will not receive assistance. What are those sectors? Will the Minister table a list today, and will he be honest and open with the people of Canada?

**Hon. Bill McKnight (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Minister of Western Diversification):** Mr. Speaker, I do not know what could be done to convince the Hon. Member of what Bruce Rawson, the Deputy Minister of Western Economic Diversification, said, a man who has served a number of Governments of Canada, or how I could convince him. Better than that, I would only reiterate what Mr. Rawson stated: "Moreover, I did not say that free trade will impede, restrict, limit, violate, or put at risk regional development assistance".

I would be very pleased to table this document.

The other thing I would like to inform the Hon. Member and ask, in a fully competitive industry, I know it may be the socialist doctrine that drives the Member—

**Mr. de Jong:** No, it's Peter Pocklington's doctrine.

**Mr. McKnight:** I believe that the Hon. Member, who comes from my province, has a better understanding than that.

**Mr. Broadbent:** How many millions did Pocklington get? Tell us about Pocklington's grants.

**Mr. Speaker:** Given the time, I am going to leave philosophy and move on to another question. The Hon. Member for Hamilton East.

**Ms. Copps:** Mr. Speaker, I think the last several minutes are ample evidence that we should issue the writ. I hope the Prime Minister takes that into account.

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## THE MINISTRY

## AIR FLIGHT TO THAILAND BY MINISTER'S SPOUSE

**Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Deputy Prime Minister. Given that this very day in the House we are discussing the creation of new conflict of interest guidelines, given that earlier this week the Minister for International Trade changed his story on the trip received by his wife and daughter to Thailand—he said that they were representing him—given that Section 35 Subsection 1 of the current conflict of interest guidelines requires a Minister of the Crown who directly or indirectly receives a benefit of over \$200 to declare that benefit, what action does the Deputy Prime Minister intend to take since his Minister has violated the current conflict of interest guidelines?