

## Oral Questions

Yesterday I wrote the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) in response to his request for New Democratic Party assistance, urging him to initiate a full public inquiry into such Canadian exports. I have suggested specific areas for careful study and government action. The matter is urgent. I trust the Minister will respond favourably to my suggestions.

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## PORNOGRAPHY

STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO PROSPECTIVE LIBERAL PARTY CANDIDATE

**Mr. John Reimer (Kitchenner):** Mr. Speaker, according to an

article in the February 17 edition of the *Kitchenner-Waterloo Record*, Ms. Maud Barlow, who is seeking the Liberal nomination for Ottawa Centre, told an audience of 500 high school teachers that she is "dead against free trade" because, she alleges, it will open Canada's borders to pornography and sexual violence from the United States. I welcome and share Ms. Barlow's concerns with respect to pornography and sexual violence, as does the Government. However, I take strong exception to Ms. Barlow's unwarranted linking of pornography and the Canada-U.S. trade talks. There is absolutely no connection whatsoever.

The Criminal Code is not up for negotiation, nor will it ever be. Furthermore, Article 20 of the GATT permits every sovereign state to restrict any trade which affects public morality and safety. If the Liberals want to discuss free trade, then let them do so in an intelligent and constructive fashion without resorting to this pathetic example of unacceptable fear-mongering and blatant electioneering.

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## YOUTH

CALL FOR GOVERNMENT ACTION

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce—Lachine East):** Mr. Speaker, it has now been seven months since the Minister of State for Youth (Mr. Charest) was appointed to his job. His only accomplishment in that time has been a glossy booklet cataloguing existing youth programs, most of which were introduced by Liberal Governments. While such a booklet has some value, it is no substitute for policies and action to deal with the real problems of youth. Once again Conservatives are relying on rhetoric and public relations.

The rate of unemployment for youth is now at 14.4 per cent. Since 1984 the Tories have cut over \$200 million from youth programs. This is no time for complacency and smugness as demonstrated by the Minister of State for Youth on Monday. Let us have some action from this Minister or discard him

## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

## FISHERIES

CONSTITUTIONAL JURISDICTION

**Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Prime Minister I will direct my question to the Deputy Prime Minister. Yesterday in this House, when referring to the fishing treaty between Canada and France, the Prime Minister said, and I am quoting from page 3521 of *Hansard*:

The Government of Canada and the Parliament of Canada alone will speak for Canada in all matters under our jurisdiction.

That was quite clear. Last night, on his private Newfoundland cable outlet, the Minister of Transport is reported to have said: "The issue will be up for discussion in the next round of constitutional talks." Here are his words: "I think there is a strong argument for shared jurisdiction. There are difficulties but we are certainly prepared to discuss them when there is another round of constitutional negotiations."

Was the Minister of Transport distracted yesterday when the Prime Minister slammed his desk while staking out the rights of the Parliament and Government of Canada? Is it a matter for Parliament alone or is it going to be, as the Minister of Transport indicated, a matter for shared jurisdiction?

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, if the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition did his homework he would know about the meetings which took place at the annual Premiers' Conference in Edmonton from August 10 to August 12. The communiqué said: "There was consensus among the Premiers that they will pursue further constitutional discussions on matters raised by some provinces which will include, amongst other issues, Senate reform, fisheries, property rights," et cetera.

**Mr. Crosbie:** Wake up, John.

**Mr. Mazankowski:** Furthermore, on November 21 the communiqué issued at the annual First Ministers' Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, indicated that: "There was agreement to undertake later another stage in constitutional reform on matters that will include, amongst other things, Senate reform, fisheries, property rights," et cetera.

**Mr. Crosbie:** Wake up, John.

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