

**Miss Bégin:** That money is additional new money that is not—

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

**Miss Bégin:** If the Hon. Member would listen, he would find out about the exact basis of that money. It is allocated according to the terms of the EPF. There is no doubt about that. Neither the provincial Ministers nor the federal Minister of Finance had that money on their books. In that sense, it is money that is not—

**Mr. Epp:** They knew about it, and you knew about it.

**Miss Bégin:** I repeat that the statement made by the Hon. Member is erroneous. This is new additional money according to EPF.

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### HUMAN RIGHTS

#### ANNIVERSARY OF UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS—GOVERNMENT'S RECOGNITION

**Mr. Jim Peterson (Willowdale):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State. This year marks the thirty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. I wonder if the Secretary of State could inform the House what Canada's plans are to recognize this very important anniversary.

**Hon. Serge Joyal (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, taking into account that this year marks the thirty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations Human Rights Declaration—

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

**Mr. Joyal:** If Hon. Members would listen, they would learn something. We called a federal-provincial-territorial conference last September which was attended by all Provinces and was a tremendous success. It outlined the notion of emerging rights in our country. Moreover, there opened this morning a coalition of more than 53 national organizations working in the field of human rights which is trying to promote in Canada the teaching and better understanding of the notions of human rights, and to involve Canadians with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. We have agreed to celebrate that anniversary because no meaningful rights exist unless national organizations exercise continual vigilance in order to have those rights respected by each Canadian.

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### GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES

#### MINISTER OF FISHERIES' AIR TRAVEL TO NEWFOUNDLAND

**Hon. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Fisheries. As the Minister will know, this morning *The Globe and Mail*

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reported that last July when the Minister had to go to Labrador on business, he chartered an aircraft at a government expense of more than \$8,000, and took with him a friend who went along in order to participate in some sports fishing, his wife, and the wife and son of a senior official in the Minister's Department. I have a very high regard for the Minister's sense of propriety so I would like to ask him this question: Does the Minister feel that it was appropriate to use a government funded aircraft in that way, and does he intend to use taxpayer funded aircraft that way in the future?

**Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans):** Mr. Speaker, I think the Hon. Member has put a very relevant question to me. It is crystal clear in my mind that taxpayers' money cannot be used for any purpose of that sort. On the other hand, at the insistence of the Department I had to make that trip and there were seats available on the aircraft. I took the initiative of inviting some members of the family of an official, and a personal friend, to join me. I have looked into the guidelines of the Department of Transport with respect to matters of that sort. I can assure the Hon. Member that the guidelines are silent on that question, and I will certainly ask for advice in the future.

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**Mr. Beatty:** Mr. Speaker, it seems that since the Minister became Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, he feels he has to travel in a school.

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

#### SIZE OF AIRCRAFT

**Hon. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question arising out of the Minister's answer. Did the Minister's officials, when they thought to charter an aircraft, look for the smallest possible aircraft available? Or did they take an aircraft with four empty seats, in addition to the Minister and the pilot—which was unnecessarily large—as a result of a desire to take these people along? And I want to ask the Minister explicitly, can the taxpayers of Canada in future expect that the Minister will be taking friends with him to go sports fishing on his trips?

**Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans):** Mr. Speaker, on the first question, I believe there were at least three people who had to make that trip. I believe the smallest jet is a six-seater. Therefore, I believe it was the smallest jet which exists on the market. Second, I want to assure the Hon. Member—and this is the important aspect—that no incremental cost to the taxpayers of this country has been incurred. There were three empty seats. Third, it was not a trip of pleasure. I travelled thousands of miles in four days and came back exhausted. I would like very much to have the opinion of the Hon. Member, if he has any, on that question.