

*Oral Questions*

**Mr. Malépart:** Is the Deputy Prime Minister prepared to make a commitment that his Government will provide for enshrining in the Constitution the Cullen-Couture agreement which gives Quebec authority over the selection and administration of immigrants within its territory? Is he prepared to commit himself to tabling that formula?

[English]

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, perhaps the Hon. Member should abide by the strict rules of conduct that were issued by his Leader which say that before you ask a question or make an allegation you should know the facts—point number one.

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**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

## IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT POLICY

**Mrs. Suzanne Duplessis (Louis-Hébert):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Deputy Prime Minister in the absence of the Minister of State for Science and Technology. What has the Government done to formalize our recent commitment to ensure excellence in the area of science and technology?

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

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, it is always gratifying to hear important questions asked in the House. Of course, I am pleased to respond to the Hon. Member's question. I am sure she knows that the Prime Minister has placed a very great emphasis on science and technology.

Just recently an advisory board on science and technology, composed of distinguished Canadians, has been put together to provide advice on how the \$4 billion the federal Government provides in research and development funds can be used to improve competitiveness. Secondly, just today, my colleague, the Minister of State for Science and Technology, signed in Vancouver with his provincial counterparts the first ever Canadian national science policy.

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**HEALTH**AIDS DISEASE—BROADCASTING OF PUBLIC SERVICE  
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**Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National

Health and Welfare. What is the Government's response to the latest outrageous asininity of the CTC which just rejected public service advertisements to be used in the battle against AIDS, advertisements which would save lives, but has now approved paid condom ads from American condom companies that cannot even advertise in the United States, on the basis that those condoms will not be used for casual sex?

**Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, when the Hon. Member mentioned the CTC, I take it he was talking about the Canadian Telecast Committee. If that is the case, I would say to the Hon. Member, as I said in the House yesterday, that I hope second opinion would prevail and that people will reconsider the positions they have taken. The first television station that said it would accept those ads was MTX in Brandon, Manitoba, and they have been accepted by CJOH here in Ottawa. I understand that the CBC has given verbal approval but I do not know if all the conditions have been finalized yet. I also understand that the Canadian Association of Broadcasters is taking this issue before its next meeting.

I think people who have had to reconsider the entire public response to the AIDS question are doing so. I am of the mind that I will let them form that opinion themselves as they look at the issue more carefully.

## URGENCY OF SITUATION

**Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville):** Mr. Speaker, is it not about time that the Government recognized that this kind of response to the anti-AIDS program is at least in large measure a result of an overly casual, cautious, half-hearted, under-funded and poorly co-ordinated program which lacks the kind of urgency we see in Australia and Great Britain? The need for such urgency was recognized by the House committee which demanded a far more intensive and better funded program than the one we have now. Is it not time the Government recognized the urgency of the AIDS situation and behaved accordingly?

**Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, we have recognized the AIDS crisis in Canada. We have put money into it, we have an advertising program, and we have a national advisory committee composed of health care workers from all the provinces. We will be hosting the conference this week to which the Hon. Member has referred. We are involved internationally with the World Health Organization. We are doing research and supporting AIDS support groups in various cities. I know you will not give me the time to do so, Mr. Speaker, but I could go on. Obviously we are not casual about the issue.