

Oral Questions

made tomorrow. I ask the Hon. Member, given the fact that these people had already been committed to a very important engagement, as we all recognize, in Quebec city, to wait until he hears that statement tomorrow.

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ENERGY**OIL SUBSTITUTION AND CONSERVATION**

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. There are people who want to take advantage of the Oil Substitution and Conservation Program. Is the Minister aware that gas line installations are being held up because the ground is frozen and parts have to be ordered, and that there is a waiting list, especially in Quebec and here in Ottawa? Could the Government—

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. With great respect, I think the Member is asking a question with regard to a Bill which is currently before the House. I am afraid that is not normally allowed. I am prepared to allow a different question by the Hon. Member, but not questions regarding a Bill currently being debated in the House of Commons today.

Mr. Waddell: Mr. Speaker, let me then ask the Minister about a speech she gave in Vancouver last week. She suggested that she was interested in conservation. She said that energy use in residential housing could be cut back a further 30 per cent. Why, then, is the Government proceeding with measures to cut back conservation, and not interfering with grants to oil companies? Why is it taking this direction—

Mr. Speaker: With great respect. The Hon. Member for York South-Weston.

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TERRORISM**TURKISH EMBASSY ATTACK—THREAT POSED BY ARMENIAN TERRORISTS**

Mr. John Nunziata (York South-Weston): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Acting Prime Minister. On January 29 I was advised by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service that Armenian terrorists were the greatest and most serious threat to Canadian security. I was assured that the threat was being monitored very closely and that the Intelligence Service had considerable intelligence information on the matter. Will the Acting Prime Minister confirm that the Canadian Security Intelligence Service failed to provide this intelligence to the RCMP and, specifically, confirm that the CSIS failed to notify the RCMP of the urgent advance warning from the Turkish authorities?

Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, when the Deputy Prime Minister was asked questions about security at the Turkish Embassy last week, he indicated that there was a full investigation under way. That investigation is being completed. When the results are made known, the Deputy Prime Minister will report to the House.

ADVANCE WARNING INQUIRY

Mr. John Nunziata (York South-Weston): Mr. Speaker, will the Acting Prime Minister at least confirm today that that advance warning from Turkish authorities went to the CSIS and they in turn failed to pass that information on to the RCMP?

Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Employment and Immigration): No, Mr. Speaker, I will not confirm that. I will take the question as notice and pass it on to the Minister responsible.

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AIR CANADA**APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS**

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops-Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport who just released the list of the new board of directors for Air Canada, a very critical and major Crown corporation. At first glance it would appear that it is simply a list of Tory hacks, flacks, and bagmen.

Mr. Broadbent: On second glance, too.

Mr. Riis: On second glance it would look even more like that. Would the Minister explain to the House what criteria he used to select this very critical group of people to provide direction to one of Canada's most important Crown corporations?

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Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I think that if the Hon. Member looks at the list again he will find that they are very distinguished and well qualified Canadians who represent all regions of the country. They will do a tremendous service to Air Canada, and a tremendous service to Canada.

APPOINTMENT OF DAVID ANGUS

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops-Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, to be more specific, could the Minister expand on the point he just made by explaining how the major job of David Angus, which is raising funds for the Progressive Conservative Party across Canada, helps him in providing critical leadership and direction to Air Canada?