

and without the Commonwealth. In South Africa, for example, I cannot help but feel that although we have played a role, it is difficult to measure at this stage what progress, if any, has been made as a result. It is hard to see the kind of response from the Government of South Africa which we had hoped to see; the kind of human understanding of the inappropriateness and total unacceptability of the system they have established, that of a division on the basis of colour. We in this country have to be even more strongly represented in the argument against that system. Not on a once in a while basis but on an every day of the week basis. If need be, we would have to take the appropriate additional steps which may turn out to be necessary, which in fact may even now be necessary, in order to try and bring to that regime's attention that, as a leader in the Commonwealth of Nations, we will not sit idly by and allow to continue the kind of activity that they perpetrate on their own people.

Beyond that, there are other conflicts in the Commonwealth, some economic and some social. Canada has to free the necessary capital resources to offer to those countries the base from which they can develop a position of equality within our group of nations, indeed in the world. I say to the Minister that the celebration of Commonwealth Day should be a new beginning. It is not enough to say that we will just continue with what we have been doing. We have to chart a new beginning starting now and clearly establish an independent role for Canada, to show the rest of the world that we are not going to be idle bystanders. We are going to be there when circumstances require it, whether it be a financial cost or whether it be in rallying the rest of the world around the appropriate measures which must be taken.

On this day the message has to be that we in Canada are going out now to establish a new relationship. We are going to ask the rest of the Commonwealth nations to join with us in fighting those things which we all agree are inappropriate. I ask the Minister to consider once again sending a message to South Africa on Commonwealth Day, drawing to their attention what we have in common and what we find unacceptable about the regime's behaviour. Do it as a commonwealth message and ask the rest of the Commonwealth to join us.

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PETITIONS

MORGENTALER CLINIC—ALLEGED RESTRICTIONS ON POLICE

Mr. Jim Caldwell (Essex-Kent): I have the privilege of presenting a petition from the residents of Kent Bridge in the riding of Essex-Kent. The petitioners humbly pray and call upon the Government to require the Government of the Province of Ontario to remove any restrictions which may have been placed on the police force of Metropolitan Toronto in regard to laying charges under Section 251 of the Criminal Code against the operations of the premises known as the Morgentaler Clinic.

Order Paper Questions

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF NCC PARKLAND

Mr. Barry Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I am sending a message to the National Capital Commission from 104 residents of the national capital region who express their continued strong opposition to the proposal to utilize the green space north of Sandridge Road into an embassy enclave.

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ARCTIC WATERS POLLUTION PREVENTION ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain) (for Mr. Blaikie) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-279, an Act to amend the Arctic Water Pollution Prevention Act.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the Hon. Member shall have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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CANADA SHIPPING ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain) (for Mr. Blaikie) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-280, an Act to amend the Canada Shipping Act (twin screws and double hulls on all vessels carrying oil in Canadian waters).

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the Hon. Member shall have leave to introduce the Bill.

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, question No. 519 will be answered today.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE LEGISLATION

Question No. 519—**Ms. McDonald:**

Did the Minister of Employment and Immigration change the regulations of the unemployment insurance program to cover performing artists, regardless of their status for taxation purposes, as recommended by the sub-committee on the