

the life of Canada. We are trying to be fair with everyone, and I think our appointments reflect that attitude.

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## HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF MINISTER OF SUPPLY, OF THE ARAB  
REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

**Mr. Speaker:** May I take this moment to advise Members of the presence in our Gallery of Dr. Mohamed Nagy Shatla, Minister of Supply of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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[Translation]

## THE CONSTITUTION

FRENCH LANGUAGE RIGHTS—PRIME MINISTER'S POSITION

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Right Hon. Prime Minister. During the previous Parliament, all political parties in this House agreed to adopt a constitutional resolution, that is, a joint resolution by all political parties concerning the language rights of Francophones in Manitoba. One of the Anglophone leaders in Manitoba who objected to the resolution was Mr. Bud Sherman, a prominent member of the Progressive Conservative Party, who was subsequently defeated at the polls in the federal election. Mr. Sherman, as Hon. Members are aware, has just been appointed a permanent member of the board of directors of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, the CRTC. Could the Prime Minister explain to the House why Mr. Sherman, who objected to the constitutional resolution addressed to Manitoba, was appointed to the CRTC, a national body that oversees both French and English language television and radio? Is this really in the national interest?

**Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, throughout the election campaign, Mr. Sherman defended vigorously and, I think, eloquently, this Parliament's national statement with respect to national bilingualism. This has always been accepted by Mr. Sherman. In fact, my hon. friend is well aware of the personal battle I waged in this area, and in Manitoba, I insisted that every candidate must accept the position I announced here in the House of Commons, and that includes Mr. Sherman. Furthermore, Mr. Sherman is a distinguished Canadian who is extremely competent and has a solid background in the broadcasting field. I think everyone would do well to acknowledge that this is an excellent appointment that augurs well for the future.

## Oral Questions

● (1440)

[English]

GOVERNMENT POLICY

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier):** Mr. Speaker, putting aside the Prime Minister's love of equivocation, can the Prime Minister at least not show the same integrity as the previous Leader of his Party, and state that the language views of Mr. Sherman are not those of his Government, and that the Prime Minister's promises are not like snow which disappears in the spring? Will he keep his promises to make non partisan appointments based on qualifications, in order to uphold the national unity of the country?

**Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I think my hon. friend does a grave disservice to the cause of bilingualism and the notion of Canada by insisting that all Canadians, at all times, accept holus-bolus, his or my view of what Canada must be. This has always been a sensitive and difficult issue which demands understanding of the other fellow's point of view and persuasion. It demands generosity.

This House, of which I was honoured to be a Member, provided great national leadership at a critical moment. That kind of leadership was endorsed by the people of Canada. I do not say that in a partisan way. Bilingualism is an indispensable concept of this country which will always be maintained by Parliament. The appointee to whom the Hon. Member refers has at no time said anything inconsistent with our desire to maintain that vital national role of bilingualism.

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## PARLIAMENT HILL

REMOVAL OF PEACE CAMP

**Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Public Works. It is with regard to the forcible eviction of four of my constituents from the lawns of Parliament Hill this morning.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Waddell:** They are applauding. Can you believe it? They are happy.

**Mr. Cassidy:** I represent those people and I am proud of the protest that they have been making in favour of peace on behalf of the people of Canada.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Cassidy:** Is the Minister aware that the eviction of the Peace Camp has received widespread publicity across Canada, and now across the world, and that the message that is being conveyed around the world is that the Government of Canada opposes the views of those millions of Canadians who stand for peace?

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