

The Hon. Member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) will be the official Leader of the Opposition of the Progressive Conservatives for a few more weeks, and these statements provide him with an opportunity to demonstrate the stuff of which he is made. Will he, like a distinguished predecessor, the Hon. Robert Stanfield, repudiate the Hon. Member, or will he remain silent? Canadians will be waiting to hear from him on this issue. I for one hope that all three official parties in this House will present a united front on this crucial issue. I invite him to speak up.

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### ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

#### MINISTER'S POLLUTION INSPECTION TOUR OF NIAGARA RIVER

**Mr. Joe Reid (St. Catharines):** Madam Speaker, the Minister of the Environment (Mr. Roberts) proposes to tour and inspect the great number of source pollutants along the Niagara River on or about June 6 of this year. This comes three years after the promise of the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) to take some remedial action and after three years of badgering by Opposition Members, as well as by the Hon. Member for Niagara Falls (Mr. MacBain).

The extent of the pollution of the Niagara River is a matter of national concern. It affects the quality of drinking water for four million Canadians. Last February I urged the Minister to lift this environmental hazard from party politics and lead an all-party delegation on this tour. I want to be one of those able to greet and welcome the Minister to my home region. I want to be able to see with him the contaminating sources, and to hear the exchanges that take place thereat on why we continue to have this national disgrace.

If the Minister is truly concerned with getting the facts, with understanding the problem and taking positive action, he will put the health and well-being of those four million Canadians ahead of the fortunes of the Liberal Party, and make this an all-party matter of concern. To do otherwise will be irresponsible, and the actions of the Minister will continue to be suspect. Let him now show his good faith by acting in a forthright, non-partisan manner.

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### SPORTS

#### DENIAL OF NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE FRANCHISE TO SASKATOON

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Madam Speaker, yesterday the NHL owners rejected the transfer of the St. Louis Blues to Saskatoon. Saskatchewan is now the only Province west of the Maritimes with no professional hockey team, despite the fact that hockey greats like Gordie Howe and present-day stars like Bob Bourne, Brian Trottier and Clark Gillies come from Saskatchewan. A major reason is that

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Harold Ballard, the owner of the Toronto "make-believes", said no to Saskatchewan.

**Some Hon. Members:** Boo!

**Mr. Nystrom:** If the NHL wanted to transfer his so-called team to Saskatchewan, the people of Saskatchewan would say no.

Another reason is that the Conservative Premier of Saskatchewan made the St. Louis Blues his only megaproject in his "open-for-business" Government. It is very surprising that he failed. After all, the Conservative Government brought Saskatchewan the unemployment blues, the agricultural blues, the potash blues, the economic blues, and the bankruptcy blues. The only thing it could not bring us was the St. Louis Blues. I suggest, in conclusion, an exchange of two losing teams, the Blues to Saskatoon, and Devine and his Cabinet to St. Louis.

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

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

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## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

### CROWN CORPORATIONS

#### CANADA DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT CORPORATION— PROVISION OF FUNDS

**Hon. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe):** Madam Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Revenue, of which I have given him notice. What moneys, other than the \$500,000 loan extended to the Canada Development Investment Corporation under the Financial Administration Act, have been given to that company?

[Translation]

**Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of National Revenue):** Madam Speaker, the Canada Development Investment Corporation has received certain sums of money as a result of transfers of shares to certain corporations, and especially to Eldorado Nuclear Limited.

[English]

#### AUTHORIZATION FOR ACQUIRING FUNDS FROM ELDORADO NUCLEAR LIMITED

**Hon. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe):** Madam Speaker, what we have here is a situation where the Government cannot appropriate funds directly for CIDC because CIDC status has never been recognized by Parliament. Can the Minister confirm that in view of the desperation of CIDC to get its hands on funds which it cannot get directly from Parliament, it is trying to bleed various subsidiaries, it is charging management fees to Canadair and de Havilland, and has forced Eldorado Nuclear to buy back \$10 million of its own shares, with the proceeds to go to the CIDC instead of the Consolidated Revenue Fund where they should have gone?