

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, May 3, 1985

The House met at 11 a.m.

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## STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[English]

### PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS

#### ONTARIO ELECTION RESULTS

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier):** Mr. Speaker, the Liberal Party is alive and well and proving in Ontario that the path of moderation is the new direction Canadians want from government. The Liberal victory in Ontario—and it is a victory as more people voted Liberal than Tory—is a victory of the common person over the big machine. It is a victory of every-day people over a regime that thrives on patronage and polls. The people of Ontario refuse to turn back the clock to allow right-wing Conservatism to undo the progress of people politics and social responsibility.

The people of Ontario made it clear that they want a Government that will look after their needs and interests rather than be a bit player in orchestrated love-ins manipulated by the boss of all Tory bosses, in Ottawa. Tory platitudes will not be accepted as a disguise for boardroom policies or no policies at all. Only one Party offers the dynamic leadership and meaningful programs which can seriously address unemployment and economic development in a manner that is fair and equitable to all. That Party, of course, is the Liberal Party of Ontario.

The days of Tory Government composed of yes men with vested interests are over in Ontario. At the same time, the sands of time are beginning to run out on the Tory Government in Ottawa.

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### CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION

#### FUNDING OF CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING

**Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina):** Mr. Speaker, Canada's co-operative housing movement is being undermined by the combined actions of the Minister of Labour (Mr. McKnight), who is responsible for housing, and of some private-profit builders. Last year the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney), who was then Leader of the Official Opposition, blasted the Liberal Govern-

ment for cutting co-op housing allocations by 40 per cent. At that time he said:

The Progressive Conservative Party finds it inexcusable that the Liberal Government should cut back funds for the co-operative housing program . . . Co-operative housing will continue to have a high priority in Progressive Conservative policy for housing.

What a phoney. The Minister of Labour has already cut co-op housing funding. In Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Ontario, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia, CMHC is cancelling co-op projects. These projects are mostly sound ones begun by well established co-op groups with a good record of producing housing within CMHC budgets. Yet, after encouraging these groups to spend their volunteer time and in some cases enter into contracts to buy land or to build, CMHC has suddenly cancelled approval for the projects.

After CMHC approval is cancelled, housing allocations seem to be handed over to fly-by-night, so-called non-profit groups which have cosy relationships with private-profit builders. Shame on the Prime Minister for flagrantly breaking his election promise and for helping to destroy the co-op housing movement in Canada.

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### CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

#### NAVAL SERVICE'S SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

**Mr. Patrick Crofton (Esquimalt-Saanich):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring to the attention of the House the fact that tomorrow will mark a very important anniversary in Canada's history. On May 4, 1910, fully 75 years ago, this House, speaking for the people of Canada, gave assent to the Naval Service Act which brought the Naval Service of Canada into existence. Only four years later this fledgling service was called upon to defend Canada in ships that, although past their prime, were manned with great skill and courage.

In World War II Canada's navy reached its peak, with over 400 ships and 100,000 men and women in its ranks. It was the world's third largest navy and was unsurpassed in bravery and courage. During the five and a half long years of that struggle which is known as the Battle of Atlantic, Canada's navy helped keep open the vital North Atlantic sea lanes, frequently in terrible weather, against a determined enemy. To this battle Canada gave 1,800 gallant sailors and 24 proud ships.

Then came Korea, and once again Canadian sailors served their country with great courage. In the ensuing years our navy continues to play an important role in the North Atlantic alliance.