

*Oral Questions*

Second, will the Minister concede that in the agreement, the secret agreement that has been signed, there is a specific clause that allows the United States to continue to challenge our sovereignty in the disputed territory that the Americans alone want to dispute?

Finally, will the Minister admit that the Government did sell us out once again as a last concession in the free trade deal?

**Hon. Pat Carney (Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs):** No, Mr. Speaker, we did not sacrifice anything in the free trade deal with respect to our sovereignty. We exerted and exercised our sovereignty in the free trade deal. The Hon. Member should be ashamed to so impute our motives in this House.

**Mr. Broadbent:** Mr. Speaker, I simply join with 20 million other Canadians in making that imputation.

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

## CANADIAN POLICY

**Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister now whether she will answer the question. With specific reference to the commitment made by the responsible Minister in the House on September 10, 1985, who said:

The policy of this Government is to exercise full sovereignty in and on the waters of the Arctic Archipelago and this applies to the airspace above as well. We will accept no substitute.

The Minister has not conceded yet that there is a clause which leaves it open to the U.S. again to challenge the sovereignty question. Will she comment on that?

Second, will the Minister acknowledge that this commitment made by the Secretary of State for External Affairs has specific reference to the notion of U.S. submarines in the territory and that the secret agreement revealed on the weekend once again excludes that?

Will the Minister tell us what procedures, if any, U.S. submarines will now have to follow if they want to go through this water?

**Hon. Pat Carney (Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, I do not think it is possible to answer that smorgasbord of questions which cover a wide range.

**Mr. Broadbent:** Try.

**Miss Carney:** Let me please just re-assert that the discussions which are taking place, which involve the exercise of our sovereignty over the Arctic, are seeking a major concession from the U.S., namely, that the Americans have to seek our consent before the passage of ice-breakers through the Northwest Passage.

There are other arrangements in place in terms of defence matters. There are other arrangements in place through our environmental laws for merchant shipping. The issue which the

Member is addressing deals with ice-breakers. We are trying to avert another *Polar Sea* incident. Should we accomplish our objective of getting the Americans to acknowledge that we must give our consent, there will be no more *Polar Sea* incidents. That is the exercise of our sovereignty and that should be acceptable to all 25 million Canadians. I do not know the 20 million Canadians about whom the Hon. Member is speaking.

**Mr. Broadbent:** Mr. Speaker, I was flattering the Minister by saying that only 20 million Canadians were opposed to the Government. I gave the Government credit for having some five million on its side. That was done in a mood of abundant generosity today or I would not have done it.

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

## SUBMARINES IN ARCTIC WATERS—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa):** Mr. Speaker, since it is a very serious matter, since it is clear that the Secretary of State for External Affairs in his commitment to the House was talking about ice-breakers and submarines, and since the agreement signed by the Government of Canada and signed by the United States simply refers to two Arctic neighbours—it says nothing about Canadian sovereignty—is the Minister telling us now, with the immediate answer she has just given to me, that there is a secret agreement between Canada and the United States that is pertinent to submarines? Or, will she admit that the Government got nothing at all in terms of controlling access to the waters by submarines. Once again, was there another capitulation by the Government to the United States?

**Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, as Acting Minister of Defence let me respond to the question of the Leader of the New Democratic Party about submarines in the Arctic.

I recognize his Party does not approve of the relationship we have with our NATO allies in sharing resources, assets, and information about the deployment of those assets. The reason we belong to NATO is to enhance the security and sovereignty of Canada. That is why we continue to belong.

It is not in the interests of Canada's security or sovereignty to go into details about that kind of information on submarines in our Arctic.

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## HEALTH

## TOXICITY OF MUSSELS—MINISTER'S RESPONSIBILITY

**Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare and deals with so important a matter that