

*Oral Questions*

**Mr. Broadbent:** Will they get the money in this fiscal year?

**Mr. Mulroney:** If Canada Post delivers it.

**Mr. Broadbent:** Is that a commitment?

**Mr. Mulroney:** Look at the Perry Masons over here. Of course they are going to get their money. We undertook that they would be getting money, and of course they will get it.

**Mr. Broadbent:** In this fiscal year?

**Mr. Mulroney:** My hon. friend refers to the next election. The NDP are always great when they are staggering from one moral victory to another. You are great until they count the votes. We will wait for you in the next election, particularly in western Canada.

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

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Montreal—Saint-Marie.

[Translation]

**Mr. Malépart:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will let Conservatives and New Democrats fight over third place in Quebec. We are No. 1.

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### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

#### MINISTERIAL ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING EARLY RETIREES

**Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie):** My question is for the Minister of Employment and Immigration. Yesterday and the day before the Minister promised he would have good news for the 50,000 early retirees. Today, after Question Period, will the Minister tell us whether he will honour his promise and commitment to announce the good news?

**Hon. Benoît Bouchard (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I did promise I would make an announcement today and I intend to do just that. I did not specify it would be . . . well, I would not want to make a mistake, but the announcement will come later today.

#### REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT TABLE STUDIES AND POLL RESULTS

**Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie):** A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. There were a number of inquiries during the Forget Commission study, so would the Minister be prepared to table the annualization concept studies directed by Mr. Paul Dickinson of his Department, as well as the various unemployment insurance public opinion polls taken

by Decima and other firms since November 1984 which show that most Canadians would rather pay higher premiums than endorse unemployment insurance benefit cut-backs?

**Hon. Benoît Bouchard (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I am not sure which documents the Hon. Members has in mind. The Forget Commission of Inquiry did extensive research and received lots of documents. Generally speaking, documents provided by the Government are official. We will consider the Hon. Member's representations and make these documents public, unless federal legislation should prevent us from doing so.

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### CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION

#### SALE OF LA CITÉ UNITS—LAY-OFF OF EMPLOYEES—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview—Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister responsible for the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation. The housing units LA CITÉ, which were supported by the CMHC, were recently sold to a private contractor who dismissed the employees and refused to recognize the union. Why did the Government not ensure that the employees would be protected in this privatization operation?

[English]

**Hon. Stewart McInnes (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, a management company employed the employees in question. They have contractual provisions with respect to lay-offs. The Government was not involved in that contract, and has no control over that situation.

[Translation]

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF POLICY TO PROTECT RIGHTS OF UNIONIZED WORKERS WHEN PRIVATIZATION OCCURS—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview—Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary. Will the Government develop a policy to protect union rights in privatization operations to avoid a repetition of what happened at LA CITÉ, HABITAT 67 and Pointe-au-Pic, where the same problems occurred?

[English]

**Hon. Stewart McInnes (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, the Government will always give the undertaking that it will be sensitive to the rights of employees in every situation. Having said that, all it can do is urge companies to be sensitive to the welfare of the individuals they employ. In this particular situation, this was done.