

### Oral Questions

throughout the world in terms of the management of the global commons.

Initiatives are under way following a report on hydrogen to examine the prospect of using hydrogen as one of the replacement fuels going into the next century. A consortium of business people from the major companies in Canada recently met with me and the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources to get together in a major national mission on hydrogen.

The Hon. Member is merely following behind the lead dog and has lost his vision.

**Mr. McCurdy:** I did not know we were talking about dogs. I am sure dogs would be more specific in answering the question than the Minister of State just was.

### GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES

**Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville):** Mr. Speaker, when will the Government announce that it has restored the cuts in expenditures for alternative energy and for conservation? How much, when, over what period of time? Will the Government establish the hydrogen authority as asked for in the advisory committee report? When will the Minister establish that committee and how much funding will it be provided? Do not give these general assertions of being in favour of this or that.

**Hon. Frank Oberle (Minister of State (Science and Technology)):** Mr. Speaker, as usual, it is a very simplistic approach simply to anticipate that one can buy all of these solutions. The fact is that these committees are meeting, discussions are under way.

We have just announced \$1.3 billion of new spending for science and technology. Five hundred and forty million dollars will go into universities for fundamental research. There will be a centres of excellence program. There is no doubt in my mind that energy will be one of the areas which Canadian scientists will want to study and develop linkages to leaders in various disciplines throughout the world. I could go on forever. The fact is that we are acting and measurable progress is being made. The Hon. Member just refuses to acknowledge it.

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### FISHERIES

#### ARREST OF SPANISH FISHING VESSELS OFF NEWFOUNDLAND

**Mr. Morrissey Johnson (Bonavista—Trinity—Conception):** Mr. Speaker, two Spanish fishing vessels were arrested off the coast of Newfoundland over the weekend for alleged illegal fishing inside Canada's 200-mile zone in 1985. Will the Acting Minister of Fisheries fill in the details of the arrest and what has transpired since the vessels were apprehended?

**Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to have a chance to praise the

officials of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans for this magnificent piece of work. On Saturday two Spanish trawlers were sighted by a specially equipped Beach Craft King air surveillance aircraft operating out of St. John's, owned by Mr. Tom Collingwood's firm, and leased to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. It was determined that arrest warrants were outstanding for the two vessels and the captains.

The *Leonard J. Cowley* patrol vessel was alerted to intercept these two vessels and board them to determine whether the two captains were the same as those named in the warrants. It successfully intercepted the two Spanish trawlers on Sunday and first arrested the *Lenengoa* and its captain and then the *Bigarena* and arrested her captain. They were brought into St. John's at four o'clock Sunday afternoon.

It turned out that both captains had been wanted since 1985 for alleged offences that have occurred in our waters. This was a magnificent piece of work, as was the apprehension of the American vessel that attempted to steam away with four of our officers onboard but was intercepted by a second vessel with an armed patrol party. All of these measures were instituted by the present Minister of Fisheries and Oceans.

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### SPORTS

#### CANADIAN POLICY—SOUTH AFRICAN ATHLETES

**Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport. He will know that his Government has adopted a sports policy which is clearly racist in nature and violates the spirit of the Gleneagle's Agreement. It is setting the stage for a situation where we are now permitting South African athletes who belong to racist organizations to compete on the international level by parading as "independent business people". Is he prepared to reverse the policy that was adopted by his predecessor in relation to Canadian sports policy?

**Hon. Jean J. Charest (Minister of State (Youth) and Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport)):** Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of what exactly the Hon. Member is referring to. If she is referring to any specific case as far as our policy applies to South African athletes, the policy that we have laid out is not always easy to apply but we have done our best.

Perhaps she is referring to the case of two tennis players that was brought up in *The Toronto Star*. If that is the case, I can only inform the Hon. Member that the two athletes to whom she is referring have never asked for visas to enter Canada.

#### REQUEST THAT VISAS BE DENIED

**Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East):** Mr. Speaker, will the Minister give a commitment in the House today that they will be denied visas and this will be the first step in the revision of a policy adopted by the Conservative Government in 1985 which