

*Oral Questions*

international regulations. He has made a further suggestion. I will see that that suggestion is referred to the Department and given consideration.

## GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville):** Mr. Speaker, we are making progress, so I would like to pin the Hon. Minister down on this issue. We have had no answers from the Government, and the Atomic Energy Board of Canada said that it was strictly an American concern and the plant was no problem. Suddenly, after a steam leak and a report from the NRC, the Government will act.

We want the answer to be clear. Will the Secretary of State specifically request that the plant be closed until this evaluation takes place?

**Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Communications):** Mr. Speaker, there have been suggestions from both the Member for Windsor West and the Member for Windsor—Walkerville about what should be done in this particular situation. I have indicated to both of them that I will convey their suggestions to the Secretary of State for External Affairs so that the suggestions could be given consideration.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

## GREAT LAKES—DUMPING OF WASTES BY INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING

**Mr. John Oostrom (Willowdale):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment. Ships from every nation now ply the waters of the Great Lakes. It is reported that many vessels dump untreated human waste directly into the lakes.

The recent closing of some of Toronto's beaches has been attributed to some ships dumping waste directly into the harbour. This poses a serious problem for our drinking water and creates the possibility of tropical diseases being introduced into Canada. Will the Parliamentary Secretary investigate this dumping practice and bring down tough legislation to prevent waste from being dumped into the Great Lakes?

**Mrs. Pauline Browes (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of the Environment):** Mr. Speaker, I thank the Hon. Member for this very important question and for his interest in environmental concerns.

The control of vessel waste is covered under the Canada Shipping Act, which is administered by the Canadian Coast Guard. Environment Canada acts in an advisory capacity to the Canadian Coast Guard.

Let me assure the Member that the Canadian Environmental Protection Act which was passed in Parliament a few weeks ago—the first piece of environmental legislation to pass the

House in over 11 years—will enable us to review and bring in strong controls if necessary and where appropriate.

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## MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

## MEMBER FOR YORK—SIMCOE

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (York Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Acting Prime Minister. In light of the election by the York—Simcoe Conservative Association of the present Member for York—Peel as the Conservative candidate in the forthcoming election—

**Some Hon. Members:** Order!

**Mr. Kaplan:** You have not heard the question yet. And in light of the finding of 14 conflicts of interest against that Member by an independent judicial inquiry established by the Prime Minister, and in view of the Prime Minister's statement that he accepted the findings of the independent judicial inquiry, does the Prime Minister intend—

**Mr. Speaker:** I have listened very carefully to the question. I have to say that that question is out of order.

**Mr. Kaplan:** I would then ask the Acting Prime Minister whether she will state categorically on behalf of the Government that the Member for York—Peel—

**Mr. Andre:** Out of order.

**Mr. Kaplan:** That the Member for York—Peel will not be part of any Government or Cabinet—

**Some Hon. Members:** Order.

**An Hon. Member:** You know better than that.

**Mr. Speaker:** I am sure the Hon. Member will know that that is also out of order. The Hon. Member for Essex—Windsor.

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## TRADE

## CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT—IMPLEMENTATION DATE

**Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Acting Prime Minister. The general counsel for the U.S. Special Trade Representative Office has said that in the event that Canada is not ready to go with the trade deal on January 1, "we will just have to wait to implement".