

with the hog industry to utilize every available opportunity to make representations on its behalf, in order that we will be successful in the final analysis.

[Translation]

REQUESTS TO THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENT FOR ASSISTANCE
TO PORK PRODUCERS

Hon. Jean Lapierre (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I wish the Prime Minister would answer and not dissociate himself from the whole thing, because as Prime Minister he is directly concerned.

President Reagan told him in Quebec City that he is as close as the nearest telephone. Does the Prime Minister intend to phone the President of the United States at the earliest opportunity and take up the cudgels for Canadian pork producers, making sure that the industry will not go belly up instead of waiting as his Minister wants to do? He lost three times in the United States and seems prepared to lose a fourth time while the situation is deteriorating rapidly.

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I fail to understand why the Hon. Member is always so intent on making such unfounded cases against his colleague. The Minister of Agriculture gave him a complete and logical answer and we will continue to make all the necessary representations to the American administration in support of producers from Quebec and elsewhere. This is an important issue which, in our opinion, deserves a new approach on the part of the American administration. We are pushing hard in this case to obtain fair treatment for Quebec producers.

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[English]

NATIONAL PARKS

ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES—REQUEST FOR MINISTER'S
RESIGNATION

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg-Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister and follows from the question asked by the Hon. Member for Davenport of the Minister of the Environment. The Minister of the Environment has consistently refused to answer questions in the House in a mature and comprehensive way. Could the Prime Minister tell us, on behalf of the Government, whether the Government will ensure that the kinds of economic activity referred to by the Member for Davenport will not take place in our national parks? While he is at it, would he consider asking the Minister of the Environment for her resignation, given the ripples of anxiety that she consistently causes among Canadians concerned about the environment, and her many offences against the environment since she was elected?

Oral Questions

● (1500)

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I noticed a number of Members twitched when the Hon. Member used the term maturity—

Mr. Broadbent: Only in the Cabinet.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Mulroney:—particularly his colleagues. In point of fact the comment is unfair. The Minister has just provided a very thorough and, I thought, proper response to the Member's first question.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Deans: Better read *Hansard*.

Mr. Broadbent: Answer the question.

Mr. Mulroney: Last week I was given an opportunity to provide an appropriate answer to the same Member with regard to the Government's intentions in this area. I think also that the Hon. Member, who is so interested in this, should from time to time acknowledge that the Minister was the first person to bring in such a massive and successful program to clean up the Canadian environment, and that she should be encouraged for that kind of action—

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Mulroney:—as opposed to a Minister who did absolutely nothing for years and years.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: A very short supplementary question.

REQUEST FOR COMMITMENT

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg-Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister's gift for exaggeration does not mask the fact that there are very serious problems. I would ask the Prime Minister to answer the question asked of the Minister of the Environment by the Hon. Member for Davenport, and give a commitment that there will not be those kinds of economic activity in our national parks. Yes or no? Just answer the question.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Blaikie: It is you I asked the question of, in case you did not get the message.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am sorry the Hon. Member was not speaking loudly enough.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!