

*Oral Questions*

## REQUEST FOR RCMP INVESTIGATION

**Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, I am informed that what the Filipino people need here in Canada is trained investigators, investigators whom they do not have.

Would the Secretary of State for External Affairs be prepared to make available the RCMP commercial crime squad, the Mounties, to help them investigate these assets?

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I would want, as the Hon. Member would expect me, to consider all of the precedents that would be involved in that kind of a response.

If those precedents allow a response of that kind, and if indeed there is a request of that kind from Philippine authorities, I think our disposition would be to respond.

The bottom line, Sir, is that we want to help the Government of the Philippines recover assets that are legitimately theirs that might be in Canada.

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## CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

## INCORRECT REPORTING OF GAS PRICES ALLEGED

**Mr. Bill Attewell (Don Valley East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Communications, but in his absence I will direct it to the Parliamentary Secretary. On March 7, 1986, a reporter with CBC's *Journal* said:

You can buy a gallon of gas in Detroit for 95 cents. That's about 20 cents a litre.

He neglected the conversion to Canadian dollars and he neglected the conversion—

**Mr. Speaker:** Does the Hon. Member have a question?

**Mr. Attewell:** Yes, Mr. Speaker—from an American gallon to a Canadian litre.

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

**Mr. Attewell:** When will this Crown corporation be mandated to report to Canadians in an unbiased, balanced manner?

**Mr. Jim Edwards (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Communications):** Mr. Speaker, as one who has spent a little time in a press gallery I can understand how mistakes can happen. That is, however, a pretty big mistake.

As the Hon. Member is aware, programming decisions, including programs selected and new content are the direct responsibility of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation management and its Board of Directors. I will take the Hon. Member's question as notice and assure him that the CBC executive will be informed of his concerns.

[Translation]

## MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

## INQUIRY IF MEMBER FOR SIMCOE SOUTH OBTAINED AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL TO SOUTH KOREA

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Right Hon. the Prime Minister. It has been confirmed that six Progressive Conservative Members are now in South Korea, including the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Works. We know why the Minister is not here. Can the Prime Minister tell us whether the Parliamentary Secretary, the Hon. Member for Simcoe South, had the authorization of the Government to travel, is he now on Government business in South Korea?

[English]

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the Parliamentary Secretary is a Member of Parliament, as any other Member of Parliament.

With respect to the question of the Government's sanction, I think the Deputy Prime Minister answered that quite adequately earlier this week.

## REQUEST FOR RESIGNATION OF PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is again for the Prime Minister. Given that answer, will the Prime Minister do the honourable thing, ask the Member when he returns—or order him back and ask him—to resign his post, and name a Parliamentary Secretary who will do the job here?

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I would like an understanding of why the Hon. Member suggests that that kind of request be made.

Does he suggest that he himself as Whip of his Party should be stuck here in Ottawa morning, noon, and night because he is an official of his Party? What is the basis of the Member's request?

**Mr. Gauthier:** He replaces the Minister.

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[Translation]

## TEXTILES AND CLOTHING

## COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion. Can the Minister confirm the statement he made in Sherbrooke last Wednesday, namely that he endorses the recommendations of the Textile and Clothing Board? Can he also confirm the statement to the effect that the four Departments involved have now agreed on the need to implement the measures suggested by the Board to ensure the survival of this