

### Oral Questions

further action on this through any dispute settlement provisions or any other way that we can support the Honda company here, we will do so.

**Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor):** Mr. Speaker, in fact there is action that can be taken here in Canada. The CAW has just suggested that Japanese cars should be subject here to the same kind of value added conditions which exist for North American cars produced in this country.

I want to ask the minister of trade if he would put into effect in this country Canadian content regulations on Japanese vehicles similar to those that affect Ford, Chrysler and General Motors and thereby solve the problem through Canadian action. Certainly that is a solution which would give us extra jobs in this country.

**Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, one wrong does not make another wrong any better.

The hon. member is suggesting that he wants to see a closed market. Canada today has something like 17 per cent of the North American assembly production and he is saying "tighten the market". One of the results of that might be that we have less assembly production within Canada.

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### PAY EQUITY

**Ms. Mary Clancy (Halifax):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday after the Pay Equity Eleven met with the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, the CBC reported that the minister is rarely, if ever, consulted on the matter of pay equity by her colleagues.

My question is for the President of the Treasury Board. Why does this minister not consult with the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women on a matter of such great importance to the women of Canada and the women of the Public Service?

**Hon. Gilles Loiselle (President of the Treasury Board and Minister of State (Finance)):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to reaffirm here before I discuss a particular aspect that Treasury Board is still absolutely committed to equal pay for work of equal value. We are presently in front of the Human Rights Commission because when we decided to invest \$370 million to correct pay equity which had not been corrected by the Liberals, we asked our employees to provide us with information that we committed ourselves to keep secret. We have now been asked to make this information public and we are contesting that. We have been advised that we should not proceed with this. We are not dragging our heels, we are proceeding as diligently as possible.

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**Ms. Mary Clancy (Halifax):** Mr. Speaker, the minister is not dragging his heels by finally pulling them out of the mud. The women in the Public Service might have a different idea.

My supplementary question is for the minister responsible for the status of women. It is the responsibility of this minister and her office to keep on top of an issue that is absolutely crucial to the equality of women and men in Canada. Why has the minister closed her eyes to the abominable situation of a government that will not follow its own pay equity laws?

**Hon. Mary Collins (Associate Minister of National Defence and Minister responsible for Status of Women):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to assure my hon. colleague, as the President of the Treasury Board has said, that this government has indeed made great strides forward with respect to pay equity: the \$317 million settlement, \$81 million each year. There is a legitimate difference of opinion about some of the technical aspects of pay equity and that is now before the human rights tribunal, the appropriate place for that resolution to be dealt with, as the members of the PSAC women's committee indicated their support.

I have indicated the ongoing discussions I will have with my colleagues and with the women workers of the Public Service to ensure that those procedures move ahead as expeditiously and as fairly as possible.