

Mr. Mulroney: It is consistent with all—

An Hon. Member: They don't like success.

Mr. Nystrom: How about the Gallup poll, Brian?

An Hon. Member: They can't stand good news.

● (1430)

Mr. Mulroney: Mr. Speaker, I know the doomsters and gloomsters of the NDP do not like good news, but hang on to your hats because you are going to have nothing but good news from this Government.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Mulroney: With regard to the very excellent question raised by my hon. friend concerning Cape Breton Island—

Mr. Nystrom: Gallup poll, Brian.

Mr. Mulroney: "Gallup poll", he says. The NDP stumbled from lack of success—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Supplementary question.

PRIME MINISTER'S POSITION

Mr. Dave Dingwall (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Perhaps, Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister will participate in the debate this afternoon regarding the disastrous economic conditions in Atlantic Canada. That is the economy to which I am referring. We need more jobs in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick.

Why is the Prime Minister renegeing on the recommendation of a committee, which he appointed, for \$600 million in short-term job creation? He appointed a bunch of Tory hacks. Why does he not listen to them for a change?

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I sympathize with and accept as valid the observations of my hon. friend regarding Cape Breton, for which not only the Government but this House must do more. This is a very important area of our economy and it has been left out of the renewal of economic life in this country where 416,000 new jobs were created since this Government came to office. I will acknowledge that Cape Breton has not received its fair share of those jobs, but I can tell you this. We will make sure, with your help, that Cape Breton indeed receives its share, which will be a lot more than it ever got from the Liberals. That is for sure.

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CROWN CORPORATIONS

SALE OF DE HAVILLAND TO BOEING—REQUEST FOR NEGOTIATION DETAILS

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the President of the Treasury Board.

Oral Questions

The Prime Minister says we will be getting nothing but good news in the future. All I want is some information.

The Minister indicated on December 3 that details of the arrangement between de Havilland and Boeing would be made available. Given that, is he now prepared to put before this House all of the relevant information regarding the negotiations which have taken place to date between de Havilland and Boeing so that the House of Commons, representing the people of Canada, can make an evaluation of whether or not that is good news?

Hon. Robert de Cotret (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, that question has been asked, and asked, and asked, over and over again.

Some Hon. Members: And not answered.

Mr. de Cotret: It has been answered over, and over, and over again. The answer is very simple. The details of the sale of de Havilland to Boeing will be made available according to normal procedure at the normal time and in the normal forum.

BRIEFING OF ONTARIO POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain): Mr. Speaker, why are the Leaders of the three Parties in the Province of Ontario being briefed on the details of this deal and the Minister refuses to give the same information to the Members of the House of Commons?

Hon. Robert de Cotret (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, there have been questions over the last week and I have given all the information that is available publicly to Hon. Members. So I think the premise of the question is entirely false. Furthermore, there was a full day's debate and a vote on this issue in which this House expressed its faith in the Government's action.

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INDUSTRY

PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY—REQUEST FOR GOVERNMENT'S INTENTIONS TO ASSIST INDUSTRY IN QUEBEC

Hon. Jean Lapierre (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Right Hon. the Prime Minister. After making firm commitments with respect to Quebec's petrochemical industry, the Government is worrisomely silent about the break-up of two important links in the petrochemical chain, namely Gulf and BASF, and it unduly puts off announcing a lasting solution to Petromont and, indirectly, for Union Carbide.

Can the Prime Minister tell us whether his Government is still determined to promote and maintain a third Canadian petrochemical centre, in Montreal, and what immediate steps