

HEALTH

INCIDENCE OF BIRTH DEFECTS IN WEST TORONTO

Mrs. Ursula Appolloni (York South-Weston): Mr. Speaker, this morning's *Globe and Mail* reports that a study commissioned by the City of Toronto in response to concerns which environmental groups had regarding health hazards to pregnant women living in the area of the junction triangle had indeed indicated a much higher incidence of incorrect birth defects in the west end. The study does not indicate the cause of these defects, but speculates instead that they could be related to the mothers' national origins.

In view of the lack of consultation with the health department of the City of York, where the majority of these mothers live, and in view of the cavalier and even racist attitude shown to the mothers and to the unfortunate victims of this tragedy, I urge the federal Minister of National Health and Welfare (Miss Bégin) to initiate an immediate and in-depth inquiry into the abnormally high incidence of severe birth defects in West Toronto.

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CROWN CORPORATIONS

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR EXPENDITURES

Mr. Arnold Malone (Crowfoot): Mr. Speaker, it is none of your business, and equally, I fear, it is none of mine. Last summer \$25 million was missing from CNR. Some called for an investigation by the Auditor General. CN Chairman Mr. Horner said that was "none of our business". He would not stand for an open audit because he feared "a loss of independence from political interference".

Canadair, a Government-owned jet jungle, blows \$1.4 billion in a single year. As it is a Crown corporation, that loss is none of our business. Canadair has 22 vice-presidents for 2,400 employees. Each one of them cost taxpayers \$600,000 in a single year, yet it is none of our business.

Then we have Petro-Canada, the national company that fills our television screens with ducks, geese, beavers, and maple leaves, taxing Canadians directly on income and indirectly with a fuel tax. It spent \$1.7 billion to buy a Belgian oil company that cannot find oil, and the cost is none of our business. Petro-Canada owns the two highest skyscrapers in Calgary. The walls are 500 acres of marble cut in Finland and polished in Italy. The cost is none of our business. These temples salute nationalization, our national disease.

Government has hidden its costs in nearly 400 Crown corporations. Auditor General Kenneth Dye is correct—Canadians ought to demand that the books of every Crown corporation be opened. We must abolish them, or make them accountable. They are ours, so let's make them our business.

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[Translation]

OLYMPIC GAMES

SENDING OF YOUNG ATHLETES TO SARAJEVO

Mr. Pierre Deniger (La Prairie): Mr. Speaker, I want to draw the attention of the House to an altogether incredible situation.

Canadian Olympic Association President Roger Jackson is now in Sarajevo with his pals, while Paul Boivin of Saint-Lambert and Lynne Lacasse of Brossard are in Canada. Those two young people of my riding are members of our national ski team and yet, as a result of an unbelievable decision of the Canadian Olympic Association, which is the sole organization responsible for selecting the olympic team, they have been left behind in Canada.

Mr. Speaker, considering that Canada will host the 1988 Olympic Games, that it could be represented by 14 alpine skiers, and that it has invested a lot of money in our young skiers and athletes, it seems to me that the interests of Canada as a whole would be better served if, instead of Canadian Olympic Association officials, we were to send to Sarajevo as many athletes as possible.

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FISHERIES

BRITISH COLUMBIA INDUSTRY—POLICY OF NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Mr. Speaker, economic and political circumstances have brought the B.C. commercial fishing industry to the brink of disaster. The Government must take full responsibility for this crisis because it is its mistaken policies that have brought the resource and the industry it supports to their knees. The policy of the New Democratic Party is totally different from that favoured by the Liberal-Conservative big business-oriented coalition. Our policy is based on the conviction that the B.C. fishing industry can grow, preserving the fish for future generations while generating jobs, food and exports for Canadians today.

Unlike the Liberals and Conservatives, we favour immediate relief for fishermen in the form of a fuel tax rebate and quick action to ensure the Canadian salmon now being taken by U.S. fishermen are harvested by our fleets. We want a halt to the high seas harvest of our fish by other Pacific nations. We are committed to at least a \$200 million program of enhancement and rehabilitation of salmon streams. Above all, we are pledged to strong action to protect and expand productive fish habitat by the enforcement of existing legislation.