

organizations, and different levels of government. Welcoming this as an effective exercise in dialogue the Canadian Labour Congress wished to continue where the first economic conference left off. "Dialogue '86" was organized with invitations going out to the same groups.

"Dialogue '86" is now under way with over 100 national groups participating. I have been attending the conference and important messages are being delivered about the economic concerns that face Canada. Unfortunately the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) and his Government have declined to participate. The Government's final decision was communicated to the organizers at noon on the second day of the conference—a refusal to send even one Cabinet Minister as a formal participant.

Where is the desire for ongoing consultation we've heard the Prime Minister talk about? What about the attempt to build a consensus that the Prime Minister said was so important? There is a growing perception this Government listens only to those who agree with it, and that consultation occurs only with the rich and the powerful. Why is the Government afraid to listen to the Canadian Conference of the Arts? Why is the Government afraid to listen to the Coalition of Provincial Organizations of the Handicapped? Why is the Government afraid to listen to the National Pensioners and Senior Citizens' Federation? Why is the Government afraid to listen to the Fédération des Femmes du Québec? Why is the Government afraid to listen to the Canadian Congress for Learning Opportunities for Women?

Mr. Speaker: I have to advise the Hon. Member his time has expired.

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TERRORISM

LIBYA—IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS BY CANADA

Mrs. Pauline Browes (Scarborough Centre): Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) for demonstrating Canada's resolve to fight international terrorism by joining with the United States in economic sanctions against Libya.

This country cannot stand by while international terrorists spread their reign of blood to all parts of the world.

Can we forget the tragic death of a young security guard when Armenian terrorists attacked the Turkish embassy here in Ottawa last March? Can we forget the death of two Japanese policemen when baggage from a Canadian airliner exploded in the Tokyo Airport last June? Can we forget as yet unexplained circumstances surrounding the Air India disaster which claimed over 300 lives, or the bomb threats in Toronto subways last April?

We do not have to look to Europe or to the Middle East to see the horrifying consequences of international terrorism. The threat is here in Canada as well. That is precisely why we must stand together with our freedom-loving allies and demonstrate

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to countries that harbour and encourage this kind of cowardly activity that Canada will not be held hostage.

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CROWN CORPORATIONS

PETRO-CANADA—HIRING OF CONSULTANT

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry-Prescott-Russell): Mr. Speaker, Canadians were informed recently that yet another Tory hack was snorting at the trough for the umpteenth time after a blue ribbon deathbed repentance speech by the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) last December 9. Canadians actually thought that the Prime Minister meant business when he said that there would be scrutiny of lobbying activities and scrutiny of lobbyists.

In December the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Côté) disappointed Canadians when he tabled in the House a discussion paper on the topic rather than the much promised legislation.

Last week Canadians discovered that another promise had been breached concerning lobbyists. On September 6 last the Clerk of the Privy Council, Paul Tellier, had informed the Crown Corporations not to hire paid lobbyists. Now we know that this has been breached by the action of Petro-Canada in hiring Frank Moores as a consultant. PetroCan may pretend that Mr. Moores is a consultant on East Coast energy issues, but all Canadians know he is a well-known Tory hack and lobbyist.

So the message to Crown Corporations, Mr. Speaker, is if you can't hire lobbyists hire a consultant who just happens to be a lobbyist and that will do.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

ST. CLAIR RIVER—DIVERS' DISCOVERIES

Mr. Ken James (Sarnia-Lambton): Mr. Speaker, I would like to read for the record how the divers who were working on the Dow project on the St. Clair River have described in a recent newspaper article what exactly is on the bottom of the river.

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Mr. Brian Quigg, one of nine members of the diving team, said that when he first heard about the blob he was expecting to find a monster, and he was scared to go down there. However, he said that "the blob is nothing more than small, shimmering pools of perchlorethylene". Dave Geddes, another diver, said that he had heard it was "a big gigantic slick, but it is just a little ripple staying on the bottom". Chris McGrath of Corunna, one of the divers who investigated the original spill in August, said that "there never was a blob, just little puddles".