

that officials from at least four Department of National Defence directorates (finance, legal, air plans and military plans coordination) strongly opposed adoption of the liability arrangements.<sup>16</sup>

#### PARLIAMENTARY COMMENT

On 13 April 1989, NDP Member Bill Blaikie made reference to the testing of the advanced cruise missile in a statement in the House criticizing the Canadian Government's foreign and defence policy:

The Government is in danger...of being to the right of Thatcher and to the right of Reagan in the last few months of his presidency. One wonders, are we simply waiting for Bush to make up his mind so that Canadians will know where they stand in respect of east-west relations. Or is this an opportunity for us to show some leadership in relationship with our allies instead of merely assenting to whatever way the United States and NATO wants to use us, whether in Forward Armed Forces attack strategy...or testing the advance to Stealth Cruise missiles which many people contend could be used as a form of first strike weapon and therefore is destabilizing? Why do we have to be such uncritical participants in all of this?<sup>17</sup>

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