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INDUSTRY**PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY'S POSITION**

Mr. Marcel Roy (Laval): Mr. Speaker, here is the attitude of Progressive Conservative Members towards the development of advanced technology in Quebec. To hear and read what Progressive Conservative Members have been saying during the debate on Bill C-21, an Act to provide borrowing authority, there seems to be an entirely negative attitude towards the development of the aviation industry. Just read the speeches about Bell Helicopter locating in Mirabel, about biotechnology in Montreal and look at their position on Canadair and the Mirabel International Airport. This Party seems to want to restrict Quebecers to the soft sectors such as textiles, footwear and furniture.

The Liberal Party has shown its firm intention of developing this key sector of the industry by spending \$2 billion in the greater Montreal area over the last ten months. That shows faith in the future! This means jobs for graduates from the twenty CEGEPs in the Montreal area and the universities in Montreal itself.

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[English]

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, a few days ago the Leader of the Conservative Party, the Hon. Member for Central Nova (Mr. Mulroney), said that his Party was "asleep at the switch" when Bill C-169 was passed with all-Party support. The Conservative Leader also said with reference to the legislation:

I didn't see it, and I don't think anyone in our caucus saw it.

That is not true. The facts are the following.

Conservative Party representatives, including at least one Member of Parliament, the Hon. Member for Lethbridge-Foothills (Mr. Thacker), were involved in all-Party meetings with the Chief Electoral Officer where these proposals were agreed to. The Conservative Party endorsed these changes after the election of the new Conservative Leader last summer. *Hansard* also contradicts the Leader of the Opposition. During debate on the Bill, the Conservative spokesperson, the Hon. Member for North Vancouver-Burnaby (Mr. Cook), said:

These amendments to the Canada Elections Act have been discussed, gone over and looked at in meetings I have attended for at least a couple of years now. All Parties were involved in open discussion.

The Conservative MP also said:

This amendment is more severe than is realized... but we agreed to it... I endorse the changes on behalf of our Party... We are delighted to see this legislation go through—

This was said by the Chief Conservative Whip on behalf of his Party and the Leader who appointed him. The words of the Leader of the Opposition can only be understood when we

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realize that the National Citizens' Coalition claims that scores of letters have been sent to the Chief Tory fund raiser, David Angus, and that the Conservatives are losing financial donations because of their support for the Bill. Perhaps the Conservative Leader prefers dollars over facts.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**IRAN—PERSECUTION OF BAHAI COMMUNITY**

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, concern is still being expressed around the world, except in Iran, about the vicious—

Mr. Fisher: Where's your Leader?

Mr. Nielsen: In your riding.

Mr. Fisher: The poll should go up—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Name him. He is a Fisher, not after souls either.

Mr. Speaker, concern is still being expressed around the world, except in Iran, about the vicious and unprovoked genocidal treatment being meted out by the Government of Iran to the defenceless, law-abiding Baha'i community in that country, during which thousands have lost their lives. I spoke out in protest against this uncivilized conduct in this House as long ago as October, 1981. Persecution persists.

Those of the Baha'i faith are models in any community. Their very faith requires them to love mankind, just as Baha'i means brotherhood. I think this House would support me in urging the Canadian Government to gather support for a motion at the United Nations in protest of this inhuman conduct by Iran, conduct which cries out for condemnation by the civilized countries of the world.

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[English]

CROWN CORPORATIONS**CANADAIR—ARRANGEMENT WITH GENERAL DYNAMICS LTD.**

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the President of the Treasury Board. Did the President of the Treasury Board know, when he approved advances to increase the capital of Canadair, that part of the operation of Canadair involves an arrangement whereby General Dynamics Ltd. produces certain defence products in the Canadair facilities, and that the Canadair financial statement improperly includes the General Dynamics