

## STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[Translation]

## DRUGS

## CONSUMPTION OF DRUGS BY CANADIANS

**Mr. Marcel Roy (Laval):** Madam Speaker, I wish to draw the attention of my colleagues in the House to the contents of a report by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police according to which in 1981, Canadians spent more than \$8 billion on drugs. Some three million consumers, one third of whom are teenagers, spent \$5 billion on soft drugs, while \$2.5 billion was spent by 20,000 heroin users, and 225,000 children thirteen years and over spent \$475 million on cocaine.

Madam Speaker, I wish to inform Hon. Members that to help children avoid drugs, there is a brochure available called "Les drogues . . . parlons-en!", prepared by young people belonging to a non-profit organization called ACCES. This brochure which contains topics for discussion received the approval of famous hockey player Michel Bossy, who allowed his name to be used free of charge to help warn young Canadians against the use of drugs.

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[English]

## ABORIGINAL RIGHTS

## GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Stan Schellenberger (Wetaskiwin):** Madam Speaker, I am greatly disappointed by the attitude that the Government has adopted toward Canada's aboriginal peoples. Throughout a year during which the Government should have been negotiating with the aboriginal peoples to arrive at a mutually acceptable position that could be presented to the Provinces for ratification at the impending constitutional conference, it has neglected its responsibility.

Instead of coming forth as the advocate of aboriginal rights, a position that would have been a source of pride to all Canadians, the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) has adopted the role of moderator between vying interests, those of the Provinces and those of the aboriginal peoples. Attention due to the identification and definition of the rights of Canada's aboriginal peoples has been deflected to lesser issues.

To ensure that due consideration is given to safeguarding the rights of these people, a process to continue the constitutional discussions with the full participation of the aboriginal people must be entrenched in the Constitution by amendment, at the constitutional talks next week. Only in this way is it possible to ensure that a satisfactory definition of aboriginal rights will be entrenched in the Constitution within a reasonable time.

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## ENERGY

QUEBEC—CONSEQUENCES OF NEW HYDRO-QUEBEC PROJECT  
ALONG LACHINE RAPIDS

**Mr. Raymond Savard (Verdun-Saint Paul):** Madam Speaker, recently, Hydro-Quebec announced that a new 500 megawatt power station would be located along the Lachine Rapids on the side of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Madam Speaker, since we now have a power surplus and since the location in question happens to be the most beautiful spot on the St. Lawrence in my riding, I think it would be a disaster to carry out this project. We must consider the fact that the Lachine Rapids are in a recreational area where thousands of people go fishing and where fish, especially various kinds of trout, have always spawned, and that this project would therefore eliminate a natural resource and therefore would be environmentally unsound. Diverting the Rapids would do away with the streams bordering the riding of Verdun-Saint Paul, and this would also be environmentally damaging. The ridings of Verdun-Saint Paul and LaSalle have a number of plans for developing the river, and we think it would be a disaster to divert the Lachine Rapids to carry out a project which will not be needed for the next twenty years.

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## INCOME TAX ACT

ALLEGED OMISSION OF NOTARIES IN IDENTIFICATION OF  
PROFESSIONS IN CLAUSE 16(2)

**Hon. Roch La Salle (Joliette):** Madam Speaker, on December 14 of last year, I put a question to the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde) about what I imagine was an oversight in Bill C-139, where it identifies professions in Clause 16(2). On behalf of the 2,000 notaries in the Province of Quebec, I pointed out that notaries had not been included, and at the time I asked the Minister of Finance to ensure that this profession would be listed in the legislation. We are now in Committee of the Whole and there has still been no amendment to that effect. Yesterday, I mentioned the fact to the Minister of Finance and the Minister of State (Finance) (Mr. Cosgrove), and I was given the assurance that an amendment would be tabled. I therefore hope, on behalf of those 2,000 notaries, that at last there will be a very clear indication that notaries constitute a profession in Quebec.

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## AIR TRANSPORT

## STATUS OF QUEBEC AIR

**Mr. André Maltais (Manicouagan):** Madam Speaker, since Quebecair's financial statements have been brought to the