

*Oral Questions*

**Mr. Rodriguez:** Ranger Oil, with \$32.6 million U.S. in profits in 1989, \$3 million U.S. in government hand-outs and no taxes paid.

**Some hon. members:** Shame.

**Mr. Rodriguez:** Our last nominee, Northgate Exploration, with \$5.3 million profits in 1989, with \$1.4 million in government handouts and no taxes paid.

**Some hon. members:** Shame.

**Mr. Rodriguez:** With the gulf crisis driving the prices of oil on a roller coaster ride with Santa Saddam at the wheel, our nominees, along with other oil companies are in for some treats with the consumer, being the Xmas turkey.

For the winner: *l'enveloppe, s'il vous plaît, monsieur*. The winner is Ranger Oil, our corporate welfare bum of this week. Congratulations to our winner, Ranger Oil. You can be sure that they are not a "Lone Ranger" when it comes to profitable oil pricing.

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[Translation]

**CANONIZATION OF MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE**

**Mr. Charles DeBlois (Beauport—Montmorency—Orléans):** Mr. Speaker, last Sunday, Pope John Paul II canonized the first Canadian saint, Marguerite d'Youville, founder of the congregation of the Sisters of Charity.

Today, as they did 250 years ago, the Sisters of Charity help street people, offer assistance to battered wives, provide hospital care, provide shelter for children from troubled families, help teenage mothers, visit the sick, help our schools, and so forth.

My own family can bear witness to the dedication of the Grey Nuns, and the people of my riding are very proud to have the mother house of the Sisters of Charity of Quebec, headed by Sister Yolande Bonner, in their community.

Congratulations to all the members of this order who today continue to uphold the ideals of their founder, Saint Marguerite d'Youville, which are fraternity and justice.

[English]

**SOCIALIST AWARDS**

**Mr. Jim Karygiannis (Scarborough—Agincourt):** Mr. Speaker, we have the weekly socialist awards of excellence.

The nominees this week are: one of the Quebec members of the NDP who preaches sovereignty for Québec while remaining a party member who supposedly favours federalism. Louise O'Neil, NDP candidate in the recent by-election in Laurier—Sainte Marie who, after losing to the Bloc Québécois, decided to end her political charade, leave the NDP and join the separatists.

The envelope, please: And the winner is the New Democratic Party, the party that preaches unity to English Canada while telling its Quebec candidates that preaching separatism is all right as long as one of them gets elected. Hypocrisy runs rampant once again in the NDP.

It is obvious to any thinking person that the only hope for a united Canada is the Liberals under Jean Chrétien.

I call upon every member of the NDP who really cares about Canada to come and join us over here.

**ORAL QUESTION PERIOD**

[English]

**THE SENATE**

**Hon. Herb Gray (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Prime Minister, I have a question for the Deputy Prime Minister.

It is about something that pertains directly to the executive authority of the Prime Minister. Under section 34 of the Constitution, the Prime Minister in effect appoints the Speaker of the Senate.

Yesterday, in what has been called "the worst example of parliamentary dictatorship", the Speaker of the Senate broke the rules of that place in an attempt to force through the GST.

I ask the Deputy Prime Minister: Why has the Prime Minister allowed the Speaker of the Senate, his appoint-