

Mr. Hopkins: Mr. Speaker, I must say that answer sounds like Tory perfection in boxcar letters.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

An Hon. Member: What's wrong with that?

COURSE FLOWN BY MISSILE

Mr. Len Hopkins (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke): My supplementary question is directed to the same Minister. Will the Minister explain why the missile is reported to have passed within three kilometres of Wandering River, Alberta, when strict assurances were given to Canadians that no Cruise missile would pass within eight kilometres of any community?

Hon. Harvie Andre (Associate Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I am informed that in fact the Cruise flew within the test corridor as defined and published, and so on, which is well known to everyone. It did not wander outside the corridor and it did not crash outside the corridor.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Andre: It crashed, rather than parachuted to the ground, within the target area. That is all that happened.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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ENERGY

PRICE OF GASOLINE—EFFECT ON TOURISM

Mr. John Parry (Kenora-Rainy River): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. This week alone the Canadian Automobile Association, the Tourism Industry Association of Canada, and the Canadian Food and Restaurant Association have all stated that high gas prices are a cause of Canada's \$2 billion a year tourism deficit. I would like to ask the Minister if she is unaware of the view of the tourism industry, if she believes it is wrong, or if she simply does not care?

Hon. Pat Carney (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): I am glad the Hon. Member asked that question about the alleged damage which has been done because I have just been given some job-creation figures for my province under the Conservative Government.

Mr. Murphy: Come on. Answer the question.

Miss Carney: I would like to point out to the House that under the Liberal administration in British Columbia—

Mr. Murphy: Shame!

Mr. Orlikow: Answer the question.

Miss Carney: —the monthly average of job creation was 473 jobs as compared to 1,933 jobs under the Conservative—

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An Hon. Member: Five times as many.

Miss Carney: Five times as many. So those industries are not suffering under this administration.

Mr. Parry: It would appear that that Minister knows as little about job creation as she does about the rule of relevance.

[Translation]

GASOLINE PRICE REDUCTION—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. John Parry (Kenora-Rainy River): My supplementary is as follows: Does the Minister intend to take her responsibility and use her authority to reduce the price of gas for Canadian consumers, tourists and native people in the North, who are now paying up to \$1.80 a litre?

[English]

Hon. Pat Carney (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, when it comes to relevance, I suggest that the NDP look at its Party.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. McCurdy: Pitiful. Even your boss thinks it's pitiful.

Miss Carney: I have made the point in this House—

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Fulton: Settle down.

Mr. McCurdy: It's perfectly okay to refuse to answer the question.

Miss Carney: We have made the point in the House that, under the National Energy Program, prices to consumers rose 80 per cent, from 30 cents a litre to 52 cents a litre and, under this administration we have set in place a deregulated system where savings can be passed on to consumers.

Mr. McCurdy: When?

Mr. Deans: When?

Mr. McCurdy: Pitiful.

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CROWN CORPORATIONS

CANADAIR—COMMITMENT TO PRESENT LOCATION

Mr. David Berger (Laurier): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion and it concerns Canadair. Up until now we have gotten precious little information about the Government's plans so I will try to get back to basics. It has already been mentioned that yesterday evening 1,000 Canadair workers attended a public meeting about the future of the company because of the fears which