

*Oral Questions*

Murphy, that the Opposition are the American's best allies, are any other Canadian industries being jeopardized by this irresponsible rhetoric on the part of the Opposition?

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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**HOUSE OF COMMONS**

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF NETHERLANDS MINISTER OF  
HEALTH AND CULTURE

**Mr. Speaker:** I wish to bring to the attention of Members the presence in the gallery of Mr. Elco Brinkman, Minister of Health and Culture of the Netherlands.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

● (1440)

PRESENCE IN THE GALLERY OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF  
COUNCIL OF STATE OF POLAND

**Mr. Speaker:** I also want to bring to the attention of Members the presence in the gallery of Mr. Tadeusz W. Mlynczak, Deputy Chairman of the Council of State of Poland.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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**THE ADMINISTRATION**

CODE OF CONDUCT—STOCK HOLDINGS OF MINISTER FOR  
PUBLIC WORKS

**Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the representative of the Prime Minister. We have seen seven Ministers in this Government go down under a cloud, so much so that the Prime Minister himself has stated in the House that he is responsible for the conflict of interest guidelines.

I was told this morning by the Acting Deputy Registrar General: "The matter is no longer in my hands. It is in the hands of the Government".

Given that the ADRG does not have the power to investigate, given that the ADRG admitted this morning that he did not have all the facts, and given that he said further this morning that he had not even been able to speak to the Minister in question, will the representative of the Prime Minister tell us whether the Prime Minister is prepared to conduct a full investigation and to turn that investigation over to a body of the House of Commons?

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I indicated earlier that the Minister would be making a statement in the House, either later this afternoon or tomorrow, with regard to the issues the Hon. Member has raised. Perhaps she would like to wait for that statement to be made because it may enlighten her a little bit.

At the same time she may want to reflect upon the code that her own Leader has imposed upon all members of her caucus, namely, that in dealing with issues of this nature one should first get the facts, know the facts, know when you have made your case, and remember that you are not only affecting the Government but all elected Members and, indeed, the institution of Parliament. One should also remember that there are important issues to deal with rather than the sleaze and innuendo which the Hon. Member is—

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Ms. Copps:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to let the Deputy Prime Minister know that we have the facts, so much so that I am sure that is one of the reasons the Minister himself did not have the courage to come into the House and answer questions and why the Prime Minister is not here in the House today.

**Some Hon. Members:** Order!

PRIME MINISTER'S POSITION

**Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East):** I will direct my question to the Deputy Prime Minister. When is the Prime Minister of Canada—

**Some Hon. Members:** Order, order!

**Miss MacDonald:** That is totally unacceptable.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member will please put her question.

**Ms. Copps:** When is the Prime Minister going to take his responsibility as the Leader of the Government which has seen seven Ministers fall under a cloud with the potential now of the eighth? When is he going to take his responsibility and start ensuring that his Ministers are respecting the conflict of interest guidelines which he claims they adhere to? We do not think it is happening. We want an answer from the Prime Minister.

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, as I indicated, the Minister will be in the House and will be perfectly prepared to defend himself in the Chamber and outside the Chamber.

**Ms. Copps:** I will too, believe me.