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militarization of the circumpolar region, a treaty that would include all Arctic powers.

And finally, a proposal that Canada again seek a seat on the UN Security Council, so that it will be able to make a durable contribution to resolving regional conflicts such as those in the Middle East, Central America and South East Asia.

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### ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

#### TRIBUTE TO SERVICE FOR THE DISABLED AND THE HANDICAPPED

**Mr. Joe Reid (St. Catharines):** Mr. Speaker, the Royal Canadian Legion was built on service. Service for country was a qualification for membership.

Working closely with the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Royal Canadian Legion has given the veterans of Canada one of the best programs of support in the whole world.

Since World War II the emphasis has been on service, not for self, but service for the handicapped, the disabled, and dependants. Stories of the good works of branches across the country for their communities and the peoples who live within them are legion themselves.

I am sure all Members of the House will want to join in commending the Royal Canadian Legion for its continued commitment to our nation and to our country as it meets in national assembly here in Ottawa this week.

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### PEACE

#### CANADIAN PEACE ALLIANCE CONFERENCE

**Ms. Pauline Jewett (New Westminster—Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, this morning many members of the New Democratic Party caucus, including the Leader (Mr. Broadbent), met with representatives of the Canadian Peace Alliance. Our meeting was, I can truly say, a gathering of friends.

The Peace Alliance has just completed a highly successful three-day conference in Ottawa. The conference was designed to make Members of this Chamber aware of the high priority which Canadians place upon the vital issues of peace and disarmament.

The Alliance, and Canadians generally, know that the New Democratic Party has always been and will continue to be committed to promoting international peace, security, and disarmament.

But it is obvious that the Conservative Government does not share that commitment. Its defence White Paper, laced in cold

war rhetoric, betrays an allegiance to an outdated and confrontational outlook on the world. The Government's misguided and foolish decision to purchase a fleet of nuclear powered attack submarines serves only to affirm that belligerent philosophy.

Not surprisingly, the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) could not find the time to meet with the Peace Alliance today. The Tories are too busy spending billions on tools of war to make time to talk of peace.

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### HOUSE OF COMMONS

#### PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS IN QUESTION PERIOD

**Mr. Alan Redway (York East):** Mr. Speaker, Your Honour is well aware of the recent article in *The Globe and Mail* in which Mr. Jeffrey Simpson stated that in Britain government backbenchers get about one-third of the questions during Question Period, while in Canada they get one or two questions each day, in a House where Progressive Conservatives outnumber Liberals and New Democrats by roughly three to one.

According to the article, some of the most difficult questions for British Cabinet Ministers come from their own Party, while the opposition questions are usually predictable. Does that sound familiar, Mr. Speaker?

My question to you, Mr. Speaker, is a very simple one. When will Your Honour allow government Members more questions during Question Period? Supplementary, Mr. Speaker?

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Davenport.

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### ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

#### ST. LAWRENCE RIVER POLLUTION—MUNICIPAL SEWERS AND TREATMENT PLANTS

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport):** Mr. Speaker, belugas aho! Despite the Prime Minister's (Mr. Mulroney) announcement of federal money for research, the St. Lawrence River will hardly be cleaned up because to stop the pollution, municipal and industrial, taxpayers' dollars are needed to build and repair adequate sewers and treatment plants.

Instead, the federal Government has cancelled its sewage and water treatment program while the Prime Minister creates the impression of taking remedial action. The fact is that, if we want to save the St. Lawrence River, including the belugas and other wildlife, the Government must turn around its misplaced priorities. Instead of billions of dollars for nuclear submarines,