

PARLIAMENTARY COMMENT

There was no comment in the House of Commons on the issue of the Defense and Space Arms Talks during this reporting period. In past years, questions were raised in Parliament over Canadian Government involvement in SDI contracts to Canadian industry. In November 1987 the involvement of the Canadian Commercial Corporation as a prime contractor for an SDI contract was raised in the House. It was argued that the CCC, as a Crown Corporation, was an agent of the federal Government, and that its involvement therefore ran counter to the Government's commitment not to participate in SDI projects. The Government responded that the purpose of the CCC was to act as an agent for Canadian companies and that its involvement was limited to this purpose.⁸

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