

**Mr. Coates:** I thank the Hon. Member for Halifax West for the question. I would tell him yes, navy blue will be available to our navy personnel. The distinctive uniforms will be available, at least for some of them, by July 1, the beginning of the 75th anniversary celebrations.

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

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#### CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

##### IMPORTATION OF PORNOGRAPHIC MAGAZINES—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview-Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Revenue as minister responsible for Customs and Excise and deals with the importation of pornographic material generally, and especially violent pornography.

The minister recently ordered a stop to the importation of a monthly pornographic magazine. Still, he is well aware that the problem is much more serious. What does he propose to do to deal more effectively with violent pornography in Canada?

[English]

**Hon. Perrin Beatty (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, let me first thank the Hon. Member for a very important question. I think every Member of the House of Commons will share her concern. As the Hon. Member is aware, we have indeed ordered a stop to the importation of the December issue of *Penthouse* into Canada. In addition, I have given orders to my officials to ensure that, where there is a mixture of sex and violence in the future, such material should not be permitted into Canada. In addition, the Government is awaiting the results of the Fraser committee into pornography and prostitution. We hope the recommendations of that committee will be very helpful to us in discharging our responsibilities.

##### DANGERS OF VIOLENT PORNOGRAPHY

**Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview-Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the Minister's activity in this regard. We continue to get representations from women's groups all across the country about insensitivity, and perhaps even incompetence in particular cases. I wonder if the Minister could be more specific about what measures he is taking with regard to education of his own officials, and with regard to the problems of violence itself. The recent communique does not stress the violent aspects, but bad taste and offensiveness. I wonder if this really does justice to the issue that violent pornography is dangerous, and not merely in poor taste.

**Hon. Perrin Beatty (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, I fully share the Hon. Member's concern. Violent pornography is not simply in bad taste; it is highly dangerous.

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The Government will do everything possible to ensure that violent pornography is not imported into Canada. What I found very distressing in this instance was the suggestion that it was appropriate to have naked women bound in ropes hanging from trees, and that this was considered art work. It is not art work, and there is no place whatsoever for this sort of material in Canada.

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

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#### MARINE TRANSPORT

##### FERRY SERVICES IN ATLANTIC CANADA

**Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber-Port au Port-St. Barbe):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. I join my colleague to my left in congratulating the Minister on his appointment. The people of Atlantic Canada, in particular those people in the island provinces of Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, view CN Marine and the region's ferry services as an extension of the Trans-Canada Highway. Last Thursday the Minister of Finance announced a \$37 million cut-back with respect to this essential Atlantic Canadian service.

The Minister indicated the cut-backs were possible as a result of selective increased cost recoveries. Can the Minister tell this House specifically what cut-backs and fare increases the Minister and the officials of his Department selected to recommend to his colleague, the Minister of Finance, to achieve that \$37 million slash on the backs of the people of Canada?

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, in answer to the Hon. Member's question, it really is a twofold proposition. There will be a rationalization of the Gulf ferry services and the coastal ferry services. As a matter of fact, there will be an additional three new vessels on the Gulf service and one new vessel on the Newfoundland-Labrador coastal service. These vessels will be of the latest state of the art; they will be faster, they will be larger, and they will provide more flexibility and more reliable service. Not only that, this will have a tremendous impact upon the shipbuilding industry and, therefore, will create jobs.

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The implementation will be phased in over a three-year period. It will be done in conjunction and in consultation with representatives of the provinces. With respect to the fare increases, there is a proposal for additional fare increases, but it will be done on a basis whereby the regular user will be provided with a discount, and there will be some market flexibility in the application of those new fares.

**Mr. Tobin:** Mr. Speaker, the Minister's answer makes for some very good PR for CN Marine. Unfortunately he has not answered my question.