

## ENDANGERED SPECIES

**Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary is to the Prime Minister who also signed the convention on biodiversity to protect plants and animals.

Would the Prime Minister tell this House what steps will be taken to protect the 227 endangered species of wildlife in Canada, a whopping 13 per cent increase since last year, that are on the brink of extinction? What is the Prime Minister going to do for the short-horned lizard, the phantom orchid, the white-headed woodpecker or the High Arctic beluga whale? Anything?

• (1500)

**Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, given my hon. friend's interest in the environment and his presence in Brazil, I thought that he would have wanted to invite the House to join in a very genuine round of applause for the Minister of the Environment for his tremendous leadership.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Mulroney:** This was clearly an oversight by my hon. friend. He mentioned the endangered species, which range from the beluga whale to the NDP, I suppose.

My friend raises a very serious question. The Minister of the Environment has indicated that the government is participating in post-Rio conferences with specific plans to deal precisely with the very legitimate question raised by my hon. friend.

I think that as he participates in these post-Rio conferences, initiated by Canada, he will feel the same sense of pride that he did in Rio as he watched the Minister of the Environment and other parliamentarians guide the Canadian delegation, I think quite successfully.

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## PRESENCE IN GALLERY

**Mr. Speaker:** I wish to draw to the attention of hon. members the presence in the gallery of the Hon. Gilbert R. Clements, Minister of the Environment and Minister of Finance for the province of Prince Edward Island.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear.

## Supply

### POINT OF ORDER

#### COMMENTS DURING QUESTION PERIOD

**Hon. Bernard Valcourt (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, during Question Period, in answering a question by the hon. member for Yukon, I used the words "intelligent question".

This did not translate what I actually meant. I do not want to impute that the hon. member is not an intelligent person. I should have used the word "pertinent". That is what I meant. If I caused any heartache, or whatever, to the hon. member I wish to apologize.

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

### SUPPLY

#### CONCURRENCE IN MAIN ESTIMATES, 1992-93

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Loiselle (p. 12117).

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** At the suspension of the debate at one o'clock there were seven minutes left in the question or comments period. The hon. member for Annapolis Valley—Hants had the floor.

**Mr. Pat Nowlan (Annapolis Valley—Hants):** Mr. Speaker, after the very eloquent address this morning of the hon. member for Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke, I was directing a question to him when time ran out just as I was posing the question.

Since we both came here many moons ago in the class of '65, and although there were some younger members honoured yesterday because of the class of '68, I was calling upon him to give his views—perhaps not necessarily those of his party, but from his own parliamentary experience—as to the state of the constitutional discussions. Does he see a danger in trying to come up with some type of an agreement? It might not find favour all across the country, and may not be in a form where it can be presented to the time clock that is ticking in Quebec.