

CANADIAN POSITION

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg—Fort Garry): Mr. Speaker, it is not my understanding that is at issue, it is the fact that Mr. Yeutter has stated clearly that he wants the Canadian Government to define what it means by culture and clarify its position at the negotiating table. Is it not essential when negotiating a free trade deal that your counterpart at the table understands your purposes and position? When is the Government going to clarify its position so that Mr. Yeutter can clarify his ignorance?

Hon. Pat Carney (Minister for International Trade): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Communications assures me that when she completes her information paper on communications and culture she will send the Member the first copy.

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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES CANADA

CONTRACT TO SUPERVISE PAROLEES IN TORONTO

Mr. Andrew Witer (Parkdale—High Park): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Solicitor General. On September 12, 1986, Correctional Services Canada signed a contract with Exodus Link Corporation to supervise 50 to 80 parolees in a privatized parole supervision facility in Parkdale, without prior consultation with the community or its elected representatives.

In view of the over-saturation of social assistance and rehabilitation facilities in the area, will the Minister respond to the representations of the community and terminate Exodus Link funding until a more suitable location is found outside the boundaries of Parkdale—High Park?

Hon. James Kelleher (Solicitor General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, as the Hon. Member well knows, as I have explained it to him on a number of occasions, the contract with Correctional Services Canada was for services only. The site selection was the responsibility of Exodus Link as determined by the City of Toronto zoning by-laws. However, notwithstanding that, as a result of the concerns expressed by the citizens in his riding, I took the initiative and reduced by 40 per cent the number of parolees who would be attending at that particular location in his riding.

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[Translation]

LABOUR RELATIONS

MAINTENANCE WORKERS' LOSS OF JOBS AT "LA CITÉ DE MONTREAL APARTMENTS"—REQUEST THAT MINISTER INTERVENE

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver—Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Labour. Surely the

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Minister is aware of the fact that the maintenance workers of "La Cité de Montreal Apartments" have lost their jobs after these buildings were sold to private interests. Will the Minister rectify the injustice done to these workers?

Hon. Pierre Cadieux (Minister of Labour): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am aware of this case, for I received Mr. Laberge's telex yesterday. We are now examining the situation because legal matters are involved in this case, but I can assure my colleague that I expect to propose solutions in the near future.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Montreal—Sainte-Marie (Mr. Malépart). One question, please.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

INQUIRY WHETHER GOVERNMENT WILL MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF EARLY RETIREES AND WHETHER LEGISLATION WILL SOON BE INTRODUCED

Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie): In the absence of the Minister of Employment and Immigration, my question is directed to the Deputy Prime Minister. I have already asked a similar question and I hope to have an answer today. It has to do with the regulations and the Bill concerning repayments to the 35,000 Canadian early retirees. Can the Minister tell us whether legislation will be introduced very soon, before the 35,000 early retirees get this odious questionnaire? Secondly, can the Deputy Prime Minister tell us whether the Minister of Employment and Immigration or a Government official would accept to meet the representatives of Canada's early retirees who will be here tomorrow to explain their position?

[English]

Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I will take notice of the Hon. Member's question on behalf of the Minister of Employment and Immigration. I will convey the information to him.

Mr. Speaker: I will recognize the Hon. Member for Drummond for the last question.

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INCOME TAX

INQUIRY WHETHER GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO END PRIVILEGED SITUATIONS AND AMEND STATUTE

Mr. Jean-Guy Guilbault (Drummond): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. According to statistics released recently by Revenue Canada, 1,830 Canadians with annual incomes exceeding \$100,000 did not pay