

Oral Questions

However, when the minister approved the applications, they were not for the full amount of the unassigned quotas, and they were allotted only for a one-year basis. This means that, one, we will continue to see foreigners catching fish within our 200-mile zone and we have applications to develop all that these foreigners can catch. Two, our own companies cannot shore up their developmental plans for those under-utilized species as they are not sure if they will be given under-utilized species for more than one year.

People in Nova Scotia cannot understand why the minister has acted in such a way to the detriment of Canadian communities which are so dependent on developing new processing for these under-utilized species.

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[Translation]

COMPOSITE MATERIALS

Mr. Jacques Vien (Laurentides): Mr. Speaker, I recently visited the composite materials centre at the Saint-Jérôme CEGEP. This centre makes state-of-the-art technological expertise available to various industries. Composite materials combine a fibre core and a covering made of polymer, inorganic material or metal.

The Saint-Jérôme CEGEP Centre focuses its expertise on technology transfer and the development of new industrial products. In particular, it contributed to the channel tunnel joining France and England. In addition, the Saint-Jérôme composite materials centre co-operates with various universities throughout the world.

It must be emphasized that this is a centre of innovation that is available to all businesses. I therefore invite interested entrepreneurs to use its services.

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[English]

HALTON—PEEL SURVEY

Mr. Garth Turner (Halton—Peel): Mr. Speaker, people keep writing to me with excellent advice.

For example, Bill and Joanne Stanzeleit write: "My, and my family's, future is in the hands of politicians. We think Canada is the greatest country on earth and we are afraid that it is falling apart. I have lived in Ontario,

Quebec, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and think one step toward a brighter future would be to educate Canadians about their own country".

Eitel Hippler of Campbellville writes me: "I have lived in this country for 41 years, done my best, was well compensated and learned to live within my budget. A rich country like Canada, with good qualified leaders should do equally well. I compliment the government on a fine job."

Finally, Dr. Dean Axelson, not a constituent, from Willowdale writes:

I believe that we as Canadians have to be less socialistic and cut down on what we give for free. We must be more concerned about the needs of Canadians and less concerned about aid to other countries— We have to find ways to lower our tax burden and give employers an incentive to create jobs. Employers are losing more rights all the time.

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[Translation]

FIREARMS CONTROL

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada today tabled the regulations on the control of firearms. These regulations deal in particular with the capacity of loaders, collectors of restricted firearms, firearms acquisition permits and the storage and transportation of firearms.

These regulations will help better protect the public by reducing the number of thefts and accidents caused by firearms. Interested groups that wish to comment on the regulations should let Parliament know their opinions before these regulations take effect. The dates of coming into force will be set later and advance notice will be given.

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[Translation]

THE CONSTITUTION

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. First of all, I would like to say that we on this side of the House congratulate the Prime Minister on the speeches