

(b) what was the focus of discussion (c) on whose initiative was the meeting held?

Right Hon. Charles Joseph Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): The Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador Ricardo Valdivieso, had two meetings with the Department of External Affairs on December 14, 1989. The first meeting was with Mr. Chrétien, Acting Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. This was followed by a meeting between Mr. Valdivieso, his delegation of business and labour leaders and the Director General, Director and officer responsible for El Salvador in the Caribbean and Central America Bureau. These meetings were at the request of the government of El Salvador. The discussions centred on the situation in El Salvador, with particular reference to the recent hostilities. The human rights situation was discussed in some detail, as well as the prospects for negotiations and peace.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ON THE EFFECT OF LOW-LEVEL FLIGHTS

Question No. 204—**Ms. Hunter:**

Has the government undertaken an Environmental Impact Assessment on the effect of low-level flights brought about by deregulation of the airline industry on the bald eagle habitat of the Gulf Islands between Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia and, if not, does the government plan such a study in the near future?

Hon. Lucien Bouchard (Minister of the Environment): Environment Canada surveys in 1987 indicate that Bald Eagle populations in the Gulf Islands of British Columbia have increased approximately 30 per cent over an 11-year period. Populations in the adjacent San Juan Islands, Washington, have also increased.

Although no direct studies have been conducted, casual field observations indicate that normal, routine commercial airline activity does not visibly harrass nesting or feeding eagles. No further studies of eagle populations in the Gulf Islands are planned.

CN BY-RAIL VEHICLE INVOLVED IN A LANDSLIDE

Question No. 207—**Mr. Saint-Julien:**

On or about August 2, 1989, was a CN by-rail vehicle involved in a landslide at mileage point 106.2 of the Franquet-Chapais subdivision in Abitibi and, if so (a) what were the causes of the accident (b) what was the amount of damage to the vehicle (c) what was the cost of recovering the vehicle and of all expenses related to the accident (d) what was the cost of overtime paid to CN employees (e) when was the President of Canadian National informed of the circumstances of the accident?

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Hon. Benoît Bouchard (Minister of Transport): The Management of the Canadian National Railways advises as follows:

(a) Cause of the accident has been identified as human error.

(b) \$7,601.81.

(c) and (d) The vehicle was retrieved by employees using CN equipment for one day, that was available at the site, including: a five-ton truck; a trailer; and an all terrain caterpillar-type tractor (muskeg). No overtime was required.

(e) The President of CN is informed promptly about all significant operating irregularities on the railway. Incidents of the kind addressed by this question are handled at the regional level. In view of the media interest in this particular incident, the President of CN was informed about it on August 4, 1989.

[English]

Mrs. Browes: Madam Speaker, I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): The questions as enumerated by the parliamentary secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): I wish to inform the House that because of the ministerial statement Government Orders will be extended by 18 minutes beginning at one o'clock.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY, S. O. 81—NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena) moved:

That, in the opinion of this House, the government should move to complete the national park system (land and marine) by the year 2000 and should implement the recommendation of the World Commission on Environment and Development (Brundtland Report) that Canada protect at least 12 per cent of land and marine zones.

He said: Madam Speaker, this is the first time in Canadian history that this House has taken the opportunity to debate and vote on the completion of our national parks system and also vote on the international scientific consensus obtained by the World Commission on Envi-