

system, can come forth and make proposals to the federal Government. As far as a committee response to it is concerned, the Hon. Member is a distinguished parliamentarian who has been here for quite some time and is sometimes a member of the Transport Committee, and there is clearly an opportunity for the committee to investigate. I am sure the Minister of Transport would welcome that opportunity.

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### SPACE DEVELOPMENT

#### UNITED STATES SPACE STATION—REPORTED MILITARY REQUIREMENT

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. The United States Secretary of Defence, Mr. Weinberger, has stated that the U.S. space station in which Canada has agreed to participate must allow the United States to “explicitly reserve the right to conduct national security activities on the U.S. elements of the space station without the approval or review of other nations”. Given this advocacy of using the space station to develop star wars, how can Canada continue to support the project if we are to honour the Government’s commitment to support only peaceful research in space?

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I welcome that question. As the Hon. Member correctly indicated, the position he quoted is that of Mr. Weinberger. It is not yet the position of the Government of the United States. I have made it clear on several occasions, and welcome the opportunity in this Parliament today to make it clear again, that Canada entered into that agreement on a particular set of understandings. We anticipate continuing in that agreement if those understandings are honoured.

#### CANADIAN POLICY

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Speaker, studies commissioned by the United States Defence Department and the United States Army say the space station could be used as a fuelling depot for star wars weapons, a staging area for battle management, and a service station for repairing arms. Why has the Government put all its space research effort into a facility which the Americans will obviously use for military purposes at some date in the future? And should the Government not now get out of this project which is inevitably going to be used for military purposes?

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, Governments and, indeed, Members of Parliament, should never do anything because of blind prejudice, whether in taking policy decisions or expressing themselves in the presence of the President of the United

States when he is a guest here in the House of Commons of Canada. That was far more of an affront to the people of Canada, by the way, than it was to the President of the United States.

The answer to the Hon. Member’s question is that we have made it very clear to the Americans that we expect the original purposes of the space station program to be respected. That is our position. I am very pleased to have the opportunity to reiterate that here in the House of Commons today.

#### CANADIAN PARTICIPATION—USE OF STATION FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES

**Hon. Donald J. Johnston (Saint-Henri—Westmount):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to give the Secretary of State for External Affairs an even further opportunity to reiterate it, if I may. The Defence Secretary, Mr. Weinberger, was actually part of the entourage with the President on Monday. Did the Secretary of State for External Affairs seize that opportunity, having Mr. Shultz and Mr. Weinberger here, to determine whether or not the United States is prepared to accept the condition of Canada’s participation, namely, that the space station be used only for peaceful purposes?

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I certainly took the occasion to make clear the position of the Government of Canada directly to the relevant Minister of the United States Government, as I have done publicly.

**Mr. Johnston:** In answering my supplementary question, will the Secretary of State for External Affairs tell us who that relevant Minister was? Was it Mr. Weinberger, Mr. Shultz, or perhaps both?

#### FUTURE OF SPACE PROGRAM

**Hon. Donald J. Johnston (Saint-Henri—Westmount):** Going further, there needs to be some timetable here, I think the Secretary of State for External Affairs would agree, because from a budgetary point of view \$800 million has been allocated to this program which has bled a lot of other very important scientific activities being carried out in Canada. All of those constituencies which need that money surely deserve to know whether this program is going to proceed or not, and whether the space station is going to be used for peaceful purposes.

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, we would like to have an answer as quickly as possible. I have made that position clear on a number of occasions. I do not propose to try to adjudicate internal disputes within the American administration. That is for the American administration to do. What we made clear is the position of Canada.

The Hon. Member will know, because he was a member of the Government which was involved in the original arrangement with the Americans, that it allows some purposes of