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### FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY

INQUIRY CONCERNING INDUSTRIES TO WHICH  
SAINT-LÉONARD-ANJOU WORKERS MAY MOVE

**Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard-Anjou):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. Workers in the shoe industry in Quebec were shocked at the statement made by the Minister for International Trade who made it clear they could leave the industry. Where does the Right Hon. Prime Minister want to send the 1,000 workers in the riding of Saint-Léonard-Anjou, whose jobs can now be added to the 5,000 jobs lost in Montreal East?

[English]

**Hon. James Kelleher (Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, I welcome this opportunity to reply to the Hon. Member. At no time did I ever make such a statement, nor would this Government ever suggest that. I would remind the House that the tribunal found that in those areas where quotas were removed no further protection was required. In the event there was any minimal loss of jobs, the Government has set up an excellent safety net of measures to protect and assist workers in the event of any job loss.

[Translation]

INQUIRY WHY MINISTER DID NOT LISTEN TO CANADIANS

**Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard-Anjou):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary. I would ask the Minister to read his own comments in the newspaper *La Presse*. Furthermore, I would like to know why he failed to listen to the eight out of ten Canadians who want quotas, in order to create 6,000 new jobs and at the same time safeguard 20,000 existing jobs. Are foreign interests going to prevail over jobs for Canadians?

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[English]

**Ms. Copps:** Foreign interests over Canadian interests.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** Sheila, your microphone is off.

**Hon. James Kelleher (Minister for International Trade):** I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, I certainly had some trouble with the translation that I received of this question. I can certainly assure the Hon. Member that foreign interests are not taking over any aspects of our shoe industry. The tribunal found that our industry is quite competitive. I have the greatest faith that those industries and the people who work in them can compete with anybody in the world, given the chance.

**Mr. Broadbent:** All the people in the industries disagree with you.

### Oral Questions

#### CANADA POST CORPORATION

APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT—REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE  
REFERRAL

**Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. On a couple of occasions already the Prime Minister made a commitment to a parliamentary review of order in council appointments. Is he aware that the press has indicated that a short list of candidates for president of Canada Post is now in his office? Would he take the opportunity to use this as a test case for parliamentary review of Order in Council appointments and refer the short list to the Committee on Transport?

**Miss MacDonald:** Are you applying?

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity which the question raised by the Hon. Member for Winnipeg-St. James gives me to remind the House that the Government, in its progressive way, is coming forward with something which previous Governments had not thought appropriate. That is, after the beginning of the new year we want to institute the recommendation of the Special Committee on Reform of the House of Commons, which was chaired by the distinguished Member for St. John's East, which sets out the procedure which will be followed with respect to Order in Council appointments.

**Mr. Boudria:** That's enough.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** Mr. Speaker, the Government is going further than the recommendations in that report. All Order in Council appointments will be made available for scrutiny by a House of Commons committee.

REQUEST FOR REVIEW PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT

**Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, in light of the fact that the problems within the Post Office have been very difficult for Governments to come to grips with, does the Prime Minister recognize that a parliamentary review might be of assistance in finding a competent president for Canada Post? Will he also resist the pressure to make a patronage appointment? Will he take action now by referring this Order in Council appointment to the parliamentary Committee on Transport rather than simply satisfying himself with platitudes and putting it off until the future?

**Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, after what the NDP has just done in Manitoba on patronage it takes an awful lot of nerve for an NDPer to ask that question. "NDP Minister's Brother Heads Manitoba Agency". How do you like that for scandalous patronage? An NDP candidate should be ashamed of himself for even raising it.

**Some Hon. Members:** Shame, shame!

**An Hon. Member:** Socialists are so pure.

**Mr. Frith:** There's no room at the trough.