

Oral Questions

Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre): It was not a Budget.

Hon. Tom McMillan (Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, I suppose this is yet another example of the left hand of the Liberal Party not knowing what the right hand is doing, or indeed an example of one hand chopping off the other at the wrist. The *Storm Warnings* publication was withdrawn because there were some very marked differences of opinion in the scientific community about the facts in the study. As a result of strong representations made to me by my Department's scientists—

Mr. Gauthier: Canadian scientists, not yours.

Mr. McMillan:—by those in the Federal Department of National Health and Welfare, and by the Liberal Government of Ontario, the publication was withdrawn. We have no intention of re-releasing it until the scientific community can agree on the facts as reported.

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HUMAN RIGHTS**EL SALVADOR—TREATMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS WORKERS**

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting Prime Minister. Since Canada has resumed aid to El Salvador, will the Deputy Prime Minister tell us what Canada is doing to protect the five Salvadoran human rights workers who were recently kidnapped, tortured, or arrested by the Treasury Police, in particular Michele Salinas who, during the visit last year of the Minister of External Affairs, risked her life to present to that Minister, in front of President Duarte, a file on the human rights violations in El Salvador? Will the Minister explain why Canada has resumed aid to the Government of El Salvador, which is attacking its own independent Human Rights Commission?

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I will make inquiries in respect of the details contained in the hon. gentleman's question and will ensure that the Minister responsible gives him a full reply either in the House or by correspondence.

REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT MAKE INQUIRIES

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, will inquiries be made today and directly to the Government of El Salvador in San Salvador? Human lives are at risk, in the hands of police with a very brutal reputation for torture and murder.

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I will ensure that the hon. gentleman's representations are brought to the attention of departmental officials today. Should there be a need to follow his suggested course, I am sure they will take the responsible course of action.

[Translation]

CANADA POST CORPORATION**REQUEST FOR HOME MAIL DELIVERY IN NEW HOUSING PROJECTS**

Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard—Anjou): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Acting Minister responsible for Canada Post. Canadians from sea to sea are protesting the cutbacks in home delivery services. Yesterday, people from Montreal, who felt frustrated at not being able to speak to the Minister responsible for Canada Post, invaded the foyer of the House of Commons. How many protesters must come to Parliament before the Government provides home delivery service in new housing projects?

[English]

Mr. Bill Domm (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Canada Post): Mr. Speaker, I assure the Hon. Member that it is the intention of the Minister responsible for Canada Post to meet with those citizens at a satisfactory time to be arranged. I am sure he has found at times that he could not meet with his constituents, as we all have found from time to time. The second part of his question dealt with the improved service of Canada Post. I refer the Hon. Member to the Marchment Commission which had full consultation with all sectors in society today. It is on that report that we will base serious recommendations to improve Canada Post. On repeated occasions the Minister has assured the House that that will be brought before Parliament before the end of June.

GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY

Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard—Anjou): Mr. Speaker, will the Government stop studying how to reduce the postal service and take its responsibilities by introducing daily home mail delivery to new residential districts?

Mr. Bill Domm (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Canada Post): Mr. Speaker, I assure the Hon. Member that Canada Post operates on both the use of the private sector and of the public sector. We have continued to improve service. We have increased volumes of mail. We are continuing daily delivery to homes in urban areas, and we are extending services in rural areas in a different fashion to be more economically sound in administering Canada Post.

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CORPORATE AFFAIRS**DOMESTIC PETROLEUM**

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver—Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. The debts of Dome Petroleum are due tomorrow, and people are