

can. Since we have given up the possibility of maintaining our share of the American market, what is the Government prepared to do to ensure we have our share of the Canadian market?

Hon. Pat Carney (Minister for International Trade): Mr. Speaker, I want to point out to the Hon. Member that we are selling record amounts of lumber to the domestic market. We have record production and we are selling record amounts to the Canadian domestic market. I think that is a record about which we can be pretty proud.

Mr. Speaker: I would like to advise Hon. Members that this will be the last question for Question Period. The Hon. Member for Westmorland—Kent.

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[Translation]

ATLANTIC CANADA OPPORTUNITIES AGENCY

GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Fernand Robichaud (Westmorland—Kent): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Deputy Prime Minister. Six months have already passed since the Atlantic Opportunities Agency was announced, and this agency according to the Prime Minister was to receive new funds, new moneys—\$200 million a year—which were to be applied to regional development. Six months have now gone by. No money is forthcoming. So what is going on? Where is the money? People in the Atlantic area are concerned and we are wondering whether we are not being taken for a ride, as happened on the issue of the CN Shops, concerning which this Minister promised there would be no massive layoffs ever. So what is the Government doing with that agency? Where is the money?

[English]

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister, President of the Privy Council and President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, I can confirm to the Hon. Member, and I wish to assure him, that the money being allocated under the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency has in fact been allocated. It is new money and it is in addition to the other programs that are in place.

There has been some delay in the setting up of the approval process and the advisory board, but I can assure the Hon. Member that the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency is open for business and we hope that the enterprising spirit of Atlantic Canada will prevail. The Government will be there to help and to facilitate things in every way possible.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member, a short question.

Privilege—Mr. Nunziata

[Translation]

APPARENT CONTRADICTION BETWEEN MINISTERS AND CONSERVATIVE MEMBERS OF ATLANTIC CAUCUS

Mr. Fernand Robichaud (Westmorland—Kent): Mr. Speaker, on the one hand the Minister is telling us this is new money, the Prime Minister is also telling us this is new money, but on the other hand we hear Conservative Party Atlantic caucus Members say they are still fighting to make sure this is indeed new money. So how come this contradiction between Ministers and Members of the Atlantic Conservative caucus?

[English]

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister, President of the Privy Council and President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, I think the contradiction is in the mind of the Hon. Member whom I respect very much.

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PRIVILEGE

ALLEGED INTERCEPTION OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION—MR. SPEAKER'S RULING

Mr. Speaker: I bring to the attention of Hon. Members that I am now ready to give my ruling on a matter raised by the Hon. Member for York South—Weston (Mr. Nunziata) on Monday, October 26. I wish to thank both him and Solicitor General (Mr. Kelleher) for their co-operation in assisting the Chair in arriving at a decision.

Hon. Members who were able to hear the argument will recognize that the facts are as follows. The office of the Member for York South—Weston received a phone call from a constituent whose husband was an inmate at the time in the Joyceville Medium Security Penitentiary. She indicated her husband, head of the inmates' committee, wished to speak to the Hon. Member and to his assistant, a certain Mr. Pratt. The Member's assistant contacted the inmate and reported to the Hon. Member. Mr. Pratt received further instructions and again contacted the inmate who, in turn, according to the Hon. Member for York South—Weston "relayed a list of concerns with regard to the situation at Joyceville".

[Translation]

The Hon. Member then told the House: "As a result of this conversation the inmate was transferred to the maximum security penitentiary at Millhaven and put in segregation."

[English]

At no time did the Hon. Member for York South—Weston meet or speak directly with the inmate.

The Solicitor General is in basic agreement with the statement of facts outlined by the Hon. Member for York South—Weston, but added that the phone and room used by the inmate in Joyceville had the following sign clearly displayed: