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[Translation]

### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

#### ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ELDERLY

**Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to support the thousands of older working men and women in Canada who, on hearing the statement by the Minister of State for Employment and Immigration and Member for Rimouski—Témiscouata (Mrs. Vézina), said that she refused to give them justice and eliminate discrimination against older workers who are penalized by not being entitled to unemployment insurance benefits.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to join the people of the Quebec City Region of *ARSAC* who say that they will remember the Conservative candidates in the next election as the ones who refused to defend their rights.

The Minister of State for Employment and Immigration is completely mistaken. She does not know what she is talking about! What the people of *ARSAC* were asking for is help for those who have taken early retirement, who lost their job under the former regulations, as a result of information provided by Conservative Members for the Quebec Region, which the Government refuses.

Mr. Speaker, I would like the Minister of State for Employment and Immigration to tell us why a retired person with a monthly income of \$5,000 from an RRSP or an investment is entitled to full unemployment insurance benefits, whereas another older worker who has paid premiums is not entitled to unemployment insurance if he loses his job? That is the Conservatives' idea of justice!

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### THE ENVIRONMENT

#### DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES—REQUEST THAT COMPILATION OF PCB WAREHOUSE SITES INVENTORY BE PROCEEDED WITH

**Mr. Gabriel Desjardins (Témiscamingue):** Mr. Speaker, as we count the cost of the Saint-Basile-le-Grand tragedy and considering the serious irregularities that have come to light,

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we must admit that governments have to take their share of responsibility for this situation.

Mr. Speaker, how does one explain that this warehouse had not been inspected in the past 15 months? How does one explain that they continued to accept transformers and condensers until February 1986, thus exceeding the allowed limit by 30 per cent? How does one explain that they allowed storage of highly flammable solvents with barrels of oil containing PCBs? How does one explain that since 1983, they never systematically inspected the 3,800 barrels piled one on top of the other? How does one explain that in the past 15 months, no one checked the alarm system?

Mr. Speaker, these facts are troubling and an agonizing question remains: How many such storage sites are there in Quebec?

That is why I ask the federal Minister of the Environment (Mr. McMillan) to urge his Quebec counterpart to proceed immediately to make a complete inventory of all storage facilities containing PCBs, especially in Abitibi-Témiscamingue.

Mr. Speaker, the people have the right to know and Governments have the obligation to respond.

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[English]

### AIR CANADA

#### SALE OF SHARES

**Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West):** Mr. Speaker, Air Canada's shares are for high-flyers only. The Government's Air Canada share issue is a hoax for average investors.

Investors who buy Air Canada's shares can expect to receive neither dividends nor interest on their investment. Air Canada has operated profitably on a commercial basis over the last 11 years, and it has never paid a penny's worth of dividends to its shareholders, the people of Canada.

Airlines in the private sector, whether in the United States or in Canada, are rarely if ever in a position to pay dividends because they have a high debt/equity ratio built into their financial structures.

The Government claims that small investors are the target of its share sale. However, I would advise average investors to avoid Air Canada like the plague, unless they have thousands of dollars to invest and nothing else to do with it but play the equity markets.