

*Oral Questions*

**Ms. Copps:** There is more to Canada than Toronto, Mike. You may not know it.

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**ENERGY**

## PRICE OF GASOLINE IN VANCOUVER

**Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Is the Minister aware that since her Government took office in September, 1984, that while world oil prices have continued to drop gasoline prices in her own riding of Vancouver Centre have risen—and if I can use the gallon figure—by 28 cents a gallon—

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Waddell:**—this reflecting an 11 cent per gallon tax hike and a profit hike of 17 cents a gallon? Why does the Minister refuse to stop this price gouging of the Canadian consumer when the market system is obviously not working for the consumer?

**Hon. Pat Carney (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I can point out the fact that the Hon. Member represents a Party which supported a NEP which resulted in an 80 per cent increase to consumers, during a time when the NEP was in place—

**Mr. Deans:** We did not!

**Miss Carney:**—and did not provide any mechanism at all for price decreases if market prices dropped.

## PETRO-CANADA PRICING PRACTICES

**Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is for the Minister of Finance. Is the Minister aware that in his own riding of Etobicoke Centre Petro-Canada is, in fact, a price leader and that it charges 1.4 cents per litre more than the neighbouring Shell station on Renforth Drive? Will the Minister recommend to his cabinet colleagues that Petro-Canada be directed to take the lead in reducing gasoline prices for consumers rather than raising them?

**Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, Petro-Canada has something in the order of 4,200 service stations right across the country.

**Mr. Waddell:** I'm talking about the one on Renforth Drive.

**Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre):** They are vigorous participants in the market-place at each of those 4,200 locations. To give the Hon. Member an example of how vigorous a competitor Petro-Canada is, after this Government removed the Canadian Ownership Special Charge to reduce the price of

gasoline in July of last year, Petro-Canada was one of the first off the mark to reduce its own prices.

**Mr. Waddell:** Do it again!

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**NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS**

## CRUISE MISSILE TEST

**Mr. Len Hopkins (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence. It concerns yesterday's off-target landing of the unarmed Cruise missile at Cold Lake. Can the Minister tell us what malfunction occurred? Will he be giving a full report to the House, and hence to Canadians, when investigations are completed?

• (1430)

**Hon. Harvie Andre (Associate Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, the Cruise test yesterday, in fact, was successful. The Cruise completed its mission perfectly and it was—

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Axworthy:** It just crashed a few minutes early, that's all.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Axworthy:** If you ignore the fact it crashed, that's fine.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Hon. Members who ask questions might want to stop and hear the answers.

**Mr. Andre:** Mr. Speaker, it was during the recovery phase when the Cruise was flying a figure eight in preparation for parachuting down—

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Axworthy:** You should ask Otto Jelinek about that.

**Mr. Andre:**—that in fact it failed. It was—

**Mr. Nunziata:** Try again. We want to take you seriously.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Is there another question?

**Mr. Hopkins:** I will give the Minister a chance to complete his answer, if he wants to.

**An Hon. Member:** He has nothing to say.

**Mr. Speaker:** I take it the Hon. Member does not have a question? Does he have a question?