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Governments all look to the forest industry for tax revenue. However, the Liberal Party, like the Liberal Government, is blind to this industry. In the formal nomination speeches last Friday, of the seven candidates for the Liberal leadership, only one made any explicit reference to the forest industry. Who was that? You guessed it, Mr. Speaker. The candidate who mentioned forestry in his speech was the one who came in last with 83 votes, the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan). We would have hoped that at least John Turner, with his corporate involvement in MacMillan-Bloedel and Canadian Pacific, would have known how important the forest industry is to the Canadian economy.

Hundreds of forestry workers have been laid off by both MacMillan-Bloedel and Pacific Forest Products. Considering this crisis, Mr. Turner should appoint a full-time Minister of Forests to ensure that our number one industry receives proper attention. Apparently the new Liberal leader, like the old one, sees neither federal opportunity nor responsibility in forestry. Mr. Turner cannot see the forest for the balance sheet.

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## DISARMAMENT

## LIBERAL PARTY LEADER—STATEMENTS ON PEACE ISSUE

**Mr. Jesse P. Flis (Parkdale-High Park):** Mr. Speaker, in the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence this morning the Hon. Member for Simcoe South (Mr. Stewart) stated that he was saddened that not one Liberal Member running for the Liberal leadership mentioned anything about peace and security. Such a statement cannot go unchallenged. I would like to remind the Hon. Member for Simcoe South, and all Hon. Members in the Official Opposition, that all seven candidates stressed the importance of pressing for the international peace initiative begun by the Prime Minister.

The future Prime Minister emphasized that he will put his energies towards issues related to international peace and security, with emphasis on defence, arms control, disarmament, and conflict resolution. In Toronto on April 24 the future Prime Minister said:

I will follow in the footsteps of our last three leaders in the search of peace and international stability. I will seek ways to take advantage of the momentum generated by the initiatives of Prime Minister Trudeau—ways to give it a new thrust.

On the CBC program *The Journal* in March of 1984 the future Prime Minister said:

Peace is a concern to all of us. The old fears of war have been replaced by an even greater fear—fear for the survival of the human race. The devastation of modern weaponry defies the most fertile of imaginations.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member's time has expired.

## ENERGY

## ATLANTIC OFFSHORE DEVELOPMENT—POSITION OF PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY

**Miss Pat Carney (Vancouver Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to inform the House of the Atlantic Offshore Energy Accord, the bold initiative that our Party has taken which will encourage the timely development of East Coast resources for the benefit of the region and for all of Canada. An important component of our approach is the promotion of a positive and constructive climate of co-operation between the national Government and the provinces.

When Atlantic Premiers sit down with the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Mulroney) to negotiate, they will get a new deal, a fairer deal, and a better deal than that put forward by the Liberals in Ottawa. The agreement in principle between the Leader of the Opposition and Brian Peckford, the Premier of Newfoundland, proposes that a province will be the principal beneficiary of its oil and gas resources. Newfoundland will be a full partner in its own economic development and the management of its reserves.

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A joint agency, consisting of three provincial and three federal appointees and a neutral chairperson, would manage the offshore. The province would have the ultimate decision in matters affecting the manner of development, as long as the attainment of self-sufficiency is not delayed. The federal Government will possess paramouncy if energy security is threatened.

Importantly, a province will be entitled to establish and collect resource revenues as if those resources were on land. There will be no discrimination with inshore provinces. Through a series of special offset payments, equalization payments will be protected for a generation.

The proposals of a Progressive Conservative administration outlined here are evidence of the conviction that the energy resources of the Atlantic region must be developed—

**Mr. Speaker:** Unfortunately, the Hon. Member's time has expired.

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## INDUSTRY

## PROPOSED MOBILE ARCTIC ISLAND ENGINEERING CONCEPT

**Mr. Thomas Siddon (Richmond-South Delta):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday both the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion (Mr. Lumley) and the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde) refused to state their support for small-scale oil production in the Arctic by using the mobile Arctic Island concept. Millions of dollars have been spent to prove the viability of this proposal, yet the Minister, who has known about it for several years, still procrastinates and is studying it.