

special measures to encourage northern and offshore exploration we need to be pushed, "by You"? Who is speaking for the Government on energy matters, and are we going to get a replacement for the Petroleum Incentives Program?

**Hon. Pat Carney (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member ignores the fact that under the grandfather clause of the present PIP grants there will be something like \$2.5 billion spent in the offshore and the Beaufort over the next few years. That is a very generous grandfather provision. The best incentive for oil and gas development is going to be the development of Venture and Hibernia, and those projects are progressing. Adjusting the incentives is, as I said, one of the things we will be discussing with the Nova Scotia Energy Minister tomorrow.

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[Translation]

### TRANSPORT

#### REPLACEMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE PORT OF QUEBEC

**Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. Members of the Board of the Port of Quebec have just been informed that they are to be replaced, against their will, by a new board that is to be appointed by the Conservative Government and that will be more favourably inclined towards the policies of that Government. Could the Minister inform the House why the Government continues to consider this board of directors as a repository of Conservative patronage instead of providing for local autonomy as in other ports like Toronto and Hamilton, by letting the municipalities appoint port commissioners?

[English]

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I am sure the Hon. Member knows that members of the Quebec Port Corporation serve at pleasure and there are some changes to be made in the port directorship. Those changes will be announced in due course.

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[Translation]

### PORTS

#### REASON FOR NON-INVESTMENT IN QUEBEC OF PROFITS MADE BY PORT OF QUEBEC

**Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre):** Mr. Speaker, according to the Budget, from now on, port administrations will have to return any financial surpluses to the Federal Government. Since the Port of Quebec is one of the ports in Canada that shows a profit, could the Minister explain to the House why the profits of the Port of Quebec are not left with the Port to be invested in Quebec instead of being given to the Treasury to

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be spent elsewhere in Canada, without any positive economic impact for the Quebec region?

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[English]

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, there are several ports in Canada that operate at a surplus. That surplus is funneled through the Canada Ports Corporation. When there are surpluses they accrue to the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and that is what was contained in the Budget.

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[Translation]

### ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

#### RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF DEATH PENALTY—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Fernand Jourdenais (La Prairie):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Solicitor General.

In view of the increasing number of heinous crimes in recent months and considering that 25 to 35 years in prison does not seem to act as a deterrent, and also considering that in a survey I made in my riding, 80 per cent of respondents said they agreed with bringing back capital punishment, could the Solicitor General inform the House whether he intends to table, in the near future, a Bill to restore capital punishment in Canada?

[English]

**Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Solicitor General of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the question of the Hon. Member which illustrates his concern for a very sensitive issue. Earlier in this Parliament the Right Hon. Prime Minister indicated the hope that, sometime during the life of this Parliament, there would be a chance to deal with this issue. At the present time the priorities of the country and the House are for economic renewal. I will certainly take the Hon. Member's question as a representation.

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### NATIONAL PARKS

#### PARKS POLICY—MINISTER'S POSITION

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of the Environment who has developed an amazing skill of upsetting Canadians from coast to coast whenever she is interviewed on environmental matters, no matter which official language she chooses to speak in. Is she prepared to confirm that she firmly supports the 1979 Parks Canada policy that reads as follows:

Commercial exploration, extraction or development of natural resources will not be permitted in a national park.