

## CANADIAN FLAG

**Mrs. Barbara Sparrow (Calgary Southwest):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State regarding the use of our flag, our national symbol, to promote our country.

Thousands of Canadians and businesses use the maple leaf to foster tourism, trade, identity and unity—yes, unity—but guess what. There is an official in the protocol directorate of the secretary's department that appears to be harassing and indeed sometimes threatening legal action against companies which use their flag.

It is ridiculous. It is unbelievable.

Mr. Speaker, through you to the minister: What is wrong? Why is it illegal for Canadian business to use the Canadian flag to urge Canadians to shop in Canada, to support the Canadian economy and to promote the tourism industry in Canada?

**Hon. Robert de Cotret (Secretary of State of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, first I would like to state that we administer section 9 of the Trade Marks Act.

The purpose of that section in the Trade Marks Act is to prevent people from misrepresentation or misleading advertising, using the symbols of Canada.

After these particular cases that my colleague has raised were brought to my attention, I asked officials to review all outstanding cases and in the two cases that were mentioned in the media recently, that of Banff Lifts Limited and Superstore, I had my office personally contact the companies to say that it was totally proper for them to use the flag, encouraged them to do so, and assured them they would have a letter signed by myself before the end of the week.

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## NATIONAL DEFENCE

**Mrs. Coline Campbell (South West Nova):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence. With the announcement last week by the Minister of National Defence concerning the need to cut out excess infrastructure within the Canadian Armed Forces, does this mean that the \$36 million naval reserve facility announced in July will now not be built?

## Oral Questions

[Translation]

**Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, the task force that is to develop criteria for restructuring the Canadian forces will not extend its activities to existing programs.

[English]

**Mrs. Coline Campbell (South West Nova):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary is for the same minister.

Does this mean the minister will put the new naval reserve facility on hold until his committee has reviewed all the excess infrastructure to see if there is not some place like CFB Cornwallis for this?

[Translation]

**Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, I may refer the hon. member to my previous answer.

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[English]

## ILLCIT DRUGS

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Solicitor General.

In metro Toronto illicit drugs are of great concern to parents. Today there are reports of the takeover by drug dealers of yet another neighbourhood near Bloor and Lansdowne. Repeatedly the federal government has been asked by Toronto metro council and metro police to return a share of funds seized by the RCMP in drug arrests. This money could be returned to metro authorities for education, crime prevention, rehabilitation programs, and anti-drug enforcement activities.

I ask the Solicitor General whether he will act on such proposals in support of the fight against illicit drugs on the streets and in the schools in urban Canada.

**Hon. Doug Lewis (Solicitor General of Canada):** I welcome the interest of my hon. friend in this issue. I think every member of the House is interested in the issue.

This morning I met with Governor Martinez of the United States, the drug enforcement officer there, and we discussed several issues. My friend makes a valid point. In fact, we are trying to improve our efforts on seizure of assets and the transfer from seizure to forfeiture. The point has been made by various police