

*Oral Questions**[Translation]***IMMIGRATION**

**Mr. Osvaldo Nunez (Bourassa, BQ):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

This morning, Immigration officials were to deport another family of Romanian refugees, the family of Carmen and Alexandru Dima. This family, well integrated into Quebec society, had appealed, as a last resort, to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration to intervene.

How can the minister justify his refusal to intervene on behalf of the Dima family, which had adjusted very well to life in Quebec, when he has intervened in other cases of families that could remain in Canada and have become well integrated?

**Hon. Sergio Marchi (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member needs to become familiar with the immigration system and with the Canada-Quebec accord, because we determined that these individuals were not refugees. They had access to the best system in the world.

Mr. Dima appealed and applied on compassionate and humanitarian grounds to the department. We said there were no special circumstances precluding their return to Romania.

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Mr. Speaker, it is up to the Province of Quebec to establish independent immigration. I had declared that the individuals were not refugees. We cannot allow everyone denied refugee status to be accepted as immigrants. Last year, 3,000 Romanians immigrated to Canada under the usual immigration process.

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*[English]***FORESTRY**

**Mr. Jim Abbott (Kootenay East, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, my constituency, Kootenay East, and the companies and the loggers in my constituency consumed about 60 per cent of the logs that we are talking about.

They have a moral responsibility, but this minister has a legal responsibility for the fact that there was \$35 million paid to the Indian band. Why will he not own up to that responsibility? I suggest that the minister's department has shown gross incompetence.

**Hon. Ron Irwin (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, I suggest once again that the Reform has shown its true colours.

I will repeat that the ministry is in there; we have a forester in there. We have fly-overs. We have the RCMP and a charge has been laid.

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**HEALTH**

**Mr. Nelson Riis (Kamloops, NDP):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Health, who will know by media reports this morning that the Conservative government in Alberta has indicated that it is going to be asking for amendments to the Canada Health Act to allow for private hospitals and that the premier of Alberta is supporting a two-tier health care system.

She will also know that his supporters voted on the weekend to free abandoned hospitals for the private sector.

Since the Minister of Health has cut back so severely in terms of health care payments to the provinces, how on earth could she do anything to stop this erosion of medicare and health care in Canada that we have known over the last number of decades?

**Hon. Diane Marleau (Minister of Health, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, I have repeated and repeated that we are going to ensure a healthy health care system by maintaining the principles of the Canada Health Act.

There is not one commission that has been called for across this country that has said that more money is needed. The B.C. Royal Commission on Health Care and Costs said it is more management that is needed, not more money.

We know that the premier of Alberta is advancing different propositions, and we will respond as we get these propositions.

Let me remind absolutely everyone here that the health care system does not become more affordable just by moving budgets, dollars and costs from the public sector to the private sector. It certainly does not and we will not allow that to happen.

**The Speaker:** This brings to a conclusion our question period.

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**PRESENCE IN GALLERY**

**The Speaker:** My colleagues, I wish to draw to your attention the presence in the gallery of the Hon. Patricia L. Black, Minister of Energy of the Province of Alberta.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear.