

Oral Questions

Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal): Mr. Speaker, I guess the minister has not been able to think about what he would like to say for himself and his government. I would like to ask him a supplementary.

Because this government has failed to pass legislation that will guarantee 80 per cent Canadian ownership and control of domestic telephone companies, including resellers, there is a threat of Americanization of our system since the CRTC opened up new areas of competition.

Given that the minister has made sovereignty a key policy of his new legislation, will he now move to pass those sections of Bill C-62 that will safeguard Canadian ownership of this key economic sector?

Hon. Perrin Beatty (Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, I will go even further than that. I very much appreciate the endorsement by the Liberal Party of Canada of Bill C-62. I think we should not just pass certain sections of the bill but we should pass the whole bill as quickly as possible.

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CANADA

Mr. Len Hopkins (Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of National Defence.

For a long time rumours have been flying around fast and furious to the effect that the Emergency Preparedness Canada training centre was going to be moved out of the town of Arnprior.

Last week the Minister of Supply and Services, our regional minister, clarified the situation by stating in a letter that the training centre will remain in Arnprior.

Will the Minister of the National Defence tell us today when we can expect the construction of the long-promised new residential building to be built at Arnprior?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, in the latest budget, all responsibilities for civil defence were transferred to the Department of National Defence. All procedures, including infrastructure, are under review.

[*English*]

Mr. Len Hopkins (Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke): Mr. Speaker, my next question is for the Minister of Public Works.

The property and facilities on which this nationally used Emergency Preparedness Canada training centre is located is the property of Public Works Canada.

Can the minister inform this House whether or not the total plans for the new residential building, which was supposed to be up and operating by December 1990, are now ready for presentation to Treasury Board and are they planned for Arnprior?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, the whole question is covered in the first answer.

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[*English*]

CLIMATE

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister who signed on behalf of Canada the convention for climate change at the earth summit. It regrettably contains no targets or timetables for reductions.

Since Canada publicly committed to stabilize all greenhouse gas emissions at 1990 levels by the year 2000 in Geneva almost two years ago, would the Prime Minister tell this House what Canada's emissions were in 1990 so that Canadians can know what that means by the year 2000?

Hon. Jean J. Charest (Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. member knows that work has been undertaken to make a determination on the baseline level of information that will be the object of some discussion at the next meeting of the Canadian Council of the Ministers of Environment which will be held sometime next November.

I should also point out to the hon. member that the Prime Minister indicated not only would Canada sign the treaty but we would also ratify it within the year. We would also encourage other countries to enter into a prompt start process by which we could go out there and apply the dispositions of the treaty.