

**Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I find it ludicrous that a member of that Party who sat in this House on the Government side for a good many years did absolutely nothing about employment equity.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. McDermid:** At least we are doing something.

**Miss MacDonald:** No legislation was brought forward—

**Ms. Copps:** You are a phoney, Flora.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Short supplementary question.

#### AFFIRMATIVE ACTION—CONTRACT COMPLIANCE MEASURES

**Mr. Roland de Corneille (Eglinton—Lawrence):** Mr. Speaker, the one out of eight Canadians who have a disability want to know what the Prime Minister is going to do to fulfil the promises made in the election campaign that affirmative action programs would be carried on by companies which expected to get contracts from the Government. What has happened to that election promise?

**Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, that promise will be implemented just as soon as the Hon. Member and members of his Party cease obstructing passage of Bill C-62. That is what they are doing at present. The contract compliance measures are ready to go into effect in conjunction with Bill C-62.

**Mr. Ouellet:** It is not in the Bill.

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#### TRADE

##### CANADA-UNITED STATES NEGOTIATIONS—PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY

**Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister responsible for international trade. Many Canadians cannot understand why the Government is planning to change generic drug laws which have saved ordinary Canadians billions of dollars since 1969. Will the Minister confirm that these plans were all part of a strategy of concessions to the U.S. to try to get a free trade arrangement from that country?

**Hon. James Kelleher (Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, I am certainly not in any position to confirm any such arrangement because there never was any such arrangement. Neither was there ever any such strategy. It exists only in the mind of the Hon. Member.

**Mr. Langdon:** And very much in the statement of the Shamrock Summit itself.

#### Oral Questions

##### GOVERNMENT POLICY

**Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor):** My supplementary is directed to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Will he now abandon this drug sell-out to the U.S. given the assault by the U.S. Senate Finance Committee on our thrust for free trade?

**Mr. Stevens:** You are getting worse.

[Translation]

**Hon. Michel Côté (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Canada Post):** Mr. Speaker, we have already announced our position and when we unveil our policy it will be in keeping with the Government's approach which is to promote investment, research and development, and to create jobs in the pharmaceutical industry.

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#### ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

##### TWO CANADIAN FRANCOPHONES' REQUEST FOR COURT TRIAL IN FRENCH IN NEWFOUNDLAND—MINISTER'S POSITION

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (York Centre):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Justice, I direct my question to the Deputy Prime Minister. I would like to know whether the Minister of Justice personally decided to have his Newfoundland officials appear in a criminal case and request that the two French-speaking accused not be allowed to testify in their official mother tongue.

● (1440)

[English]

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Justice I am afraid I am going to have to take notice of that question. I will ensure that the Minister of Justice responds to the Hon. Member on his return with respect to the details.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands.

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#### HEALTH

##### FUNDING OF NATIVE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM

**Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. The no-win situation of many native young people was shown tragically last month when six young Métis died after a drinking party. I would like to ask the Minister, when so many young native people have difficulty with alcohol and drugs, why has the Government broken the