

## REQUEST THAT TAPES BE DESTROYED

**Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that the practice will not happen in the future. I do want to ask the Minister to assure the House that all those federal public servants who have been victims of this unethical security snooping will have any tapes or transcripts removed from their files and destroyed.

**Hon. Perrin Beatty (Solicitor General of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, I think I can give that assurance with the sole exception that, obviously, if someone were to make a complaint to the CSIS, for example, it might be advantageous for that individual to have access to the tape. What I want to do is to ensure that the rights of all individuals who are affected are properly respected.

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## TRADE

## U.S. DUTY ON CANADIAN STEEL PRODUCTS

**Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In light of the new duties imposed by the United States last night on Canadian steel producers like Algoma Steel in Sault Ste. Marie, a new duty of 14.2 per cent on oil company tubular goods, what specific action is the Government planning to take in response to these new duties imposed by the United States for companies like Algoma Steel?

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, these actions were taken after the working of a long process in the United States that is a quasi-judicial process. It was not at all a discretionary action, such as some of the others that have occupied debate in this House in recent times.

One of the companies involved, Ipsco, has indicated it is taking action in the courts. The Government of Canada earlier today made it clear that we are prepared to help Ipsco in any way we can. Naturally if other steel companies were to join in that or similar kinds of actions, that offer would apply to them.

## EFFECT ON JOBS

**Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma):** I wonder if the Secretary of State can tell us exactly what hope the Government can give to the 1,500 steel workers at Algoma who were already facing lay-offs later this year before these duties were imposed last night? Is the Government prepared to take any further action to insure their jobs?

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, we will certainly consider what action is open to the Government of Canada in that circumstance. We would naturally welcome any practical suggestions that might come from the Hon. Member, or from members of the unions

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involved or of the companies involved. I repeat that in so far as the United States is concerned this is the conclusion of a fairly long process that is not discretionary, that is quasi-judicial, that may be open to appeals by the courts. If the companies undertake those appeals the Government of Canada will help as much as we can.

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## MINES AND MINING

## INQUIRY WHETHER IRREGULARITIES COMMITTED BY CERTAIN MINING COMPANIES IN ABITIBI

**Mr. Guy St-Julien (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Solicitor General of Canada. At a meeting between representatives of the mining industry and the Quebec and Ontario Ministers responsible for the industry, Mr. Savoy and Mr. Fontaine, a meeting held on May 10, 1986 in Val d'Or, the Quebec Minister mentioned that the Government would like to take advantage of several flagrant cases of abuse to terminate the flow-through shares plan in Ottawa. My question is as follows:

Could the Minister inform the House whether the RCMP is now investigating a number of mining companies in Canada that may have abused or violated the flow-through shares plan in Abitibi?

[English]

**Hon. Perrin Beatty (Solicitor General of Canada):** No, Mr. Speaker. As the Hon. Member will appreciate, in cases like this where an RCMP investigation may or may not be under way, it is not practice to disclose this information in the House of Commons. If any Hon. Member or any other citizen has information which would be relevant to the police we would certainly encourage them to turn it over.

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## LABOUR RELATIONS

## PART-TIME WORKERS—PRORATED BENEFITS

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Labour. As the Minister is probably aware, the National Action Committee on the Status of Women on the weekend made benefits for part-time workers one of their five areas of priority. Can the Minister get up in this House and indicate whether it is the Government's intention to introduce legislation to expand the prorated benefits for part-time workers, especially since most of them are women?

**Hon. Bill McKnight (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, as the Hon. Member knows, Labour Canada has just completed